





# TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT

## *1953 Annual Report*

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SWAMPSCOTT FISH HOUSE --- BLANEY BEACH

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# ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND YEAR

## **Blaney's Beach Reservation**

(About the Cover)

The Fish House at Blaney's Beach (also known as Fisherman's Beach) was built in 1896 for purposes of boating, fishing and sailing to replace the privately owned fish houses which lined the edge of the beach.

Stalls and lockers are rented at a nominal fee to fishermen and boat owners for storage.

The Swampscott Yacht Club is located on the second floor.

Supervision of the building and Blaney's Beach Reservation is under the jurisdiction of the Park Department.





*Town of*  
**SWAMPSCOTT**  
*Massachusetts*

—1953—  
**ANNUAL REPORT**

TOWN REPORT  
COMMITTEE

Richard A. Wales  
Everett C. Howe  
Fred W. Mahan  
A. Doris Whipple  
Samuel Freedman  
Harvey Newcomb  
Malcolm F. MacLean, Jr.

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## Town Officers — 1953

### ELECTED

<b>MODERATOR</b>	C. Frank Hathaway
<b>SELECTMEN</b> Vincent P. O'Brien	Frederick R. Champion, Chairman Edward K. Hempel
<b>TOWN CLERK AND COLLECTOR OF TAXES</b>	Malcolm F. MacLean, Jr., 1955; 1956
<b>TOWN TREASURER</b>	Robert G. Byrne, 1956
<b>WATER AND SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS</b> Alfred N. Frazier, 1956	Harold C. Hudson, 1955, Chairman George B. Atkins, 1954
<b>ASSESSORS</b> Ernest Manchin, 1954, Secretary	John A. Holmes, 1955, Chairman Thomas F. Collins, 1956
<b>BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS</b> Lewis H. Berry, 1956, Secretary	Roland C. Booma, 1955, Chairman Frederick C. Burk, 1954
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b> Edward K. Hempel, 1954* George A. Chadwell, 1954 Blanche E. Doyle, 1954	Walter H. Forbes, Jr., 1956, Chairman Theodore C. Sargent, 1956 William H. Rothwell, 2nd, 1955
<b>TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY</b> Ruth M. Barry, 1954, Secretary	George W. Howe, 1955, Chairman Nelson J. Darling, Jr., 1956
<b>BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE</b> Paul C. Curtis, 1955	Norbert A. Ulman, 1954, Chairman Donald Redfern, 1956
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b> H. Allen Durkee, 1954	Dr. Loring Grimes, 1956, Chairman E. Wallace Donald, 1955
<b>SURVEYOR OF HIGHWAYS</b>	Timothy J. Ryan, 1954
<b>CONSTABLES</b> Leonard H. Bates	Wayne Anderson John J. Matterna
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b> Ralph L. Williams, 1954 James R. Maddock, 1955, Secretary	Harold M. King, 1958, Chairman Alexander B. Way, Jr., 1955 Gordon L. Brown, 1956
<b>COMMISSIONERS OF TRUST FUNDS</b> Dana V. Humphrey, 1954	Harold R. Austin, 1956 Henry S. Baldwin, 1955
<b>SWAMPSCOTT HOUSING AUTHORITY</b> Walter F. Livermore, 1954* Robert L. Yasi†	John A. Massey, 1958, Chairman Thomas W. Duncan, 1955 David F. Doherty, 1956 Gerald H. Pashby (State Appointee)

### APPOINTED BY SELECTMEN

<b>SECRETARY OF SELECTMEN</b>	Richard A. Wales
<b>TOWN COUNSEL</b>	James W. Santry, Jr.
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>	I. Murray Adams
<b>TOWN ENGINEER</b>	Howard L. Hamill
<b>ASSISTANT ENGINEER</b>	George H. Melcher
<b>DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE</b>	Robert O'Neill

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<b>SUPERINTENDENT OF CEMETERY</b>	Arthur E. Hardy
<b>FOREST WARDEN</b>	Charles H. Lampard
<b>MOTH SUPERINTENDENT</b>	Frederick C. Burk
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>	Raymond O. Doane
<b>ASSISTANT INSPECTOR</b>	Eldridge T. Davis
<b>SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES</b>	C. Walter Burrill
<b>CUSTODIAN OF ADMINISTRATION BUILDING</b>	John G. McLearn
<b>ASSISTANT CUSTODIANS</b>	Leonard H. Bates John Cameron
<b>DOG OFFICER</b>	John A. Boston
<b>FENCE VIEWERS</b>	Howard L. Hamill Raymond O. Doane
<b>MEASURER OF LUMBER</b>	Harold O. Durgin
<b>SHELLFISH CONSTABLES</b>	Stanley G. Potier John J. Mattera
<b>DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES and BURIAL AGENT</b>	Newton S. Courtney
<b>VETERANS' SERVICES ADVISORY BOARD</b>	Clement E. Kennedy, Chairman Eustis B. Grimes Albert F. Pashby
	Carl Glazer, M. D. Anthony F. D'Agnese Moses Sheetman
<b>TRUSTEES OF WORLD WAR II MEMORIAL FUND</b>	Ernest Manchin, 1956, Chairman Clement E. Kennedy, 1956 Philip H. Stafford, 1954 Albert F. Pashby, 1955 John R. Cooper, 1954 Benjamin Goldberg, 1955, Secretary David F. Doherty, 1956
<b>BOARD OF REGISTRARS</b>	Patrick A. Devine, 1956 Dorothy M. Collins, 1955 Malcolm F. MacLean, Jr., Clerk William J. Thompson, 1954* Ex-Officio Donald L. Sawyer†
<b>SMOKE INSPECTOR</b>	Raymond O. Doane
<b>INSPECTOR OF WIRES</b>	Edward J. Connell
<b>CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>	Charles H. Lampard
<b>CHIEF OF POLICE and KEEPER OF LOCKUP</b>	Francis P. Wall
<b>WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION AGENT</b>	Cedrie L. Arnold
<b>BOARD OF APPEALS</b>	C. Glover Bowes, 1956, Chairman Eustis B. Grimes, 1954 T. Paul Corcoran, Jr., 1955
<b>CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD</b>	John G. McLearn, 1956, Chairman I. Murray Adams, Secretary Thomas F. Collins, 1955* Harold R. Austin†
<b>ARMISTICE DAY COMMITTEE</b>	Harry M. Shanahan Austin D. Mosco Albert F. Pashby Anthony F. D'Agnese
<b>FOURTH OF JULY COMMITTEE</b>	Lewis H. Berry Robert O'Neill Samuel S. Fallon Antonio Parletta Frederick C. Burk Edward F. Flynn, Jr. Lawrence O. Witter Francis P. Wall, Chief of Police Charles H. Lampard, Fire Chief

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## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**

Robert B. Hegarty  
Irving E. Doliber

Richard B. Johnson, Chairman  
Richard P. Breed  
John S. Way

## **TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE**

Samuel Freedman  
Everett C. Howe  
Fred W. Mahan

Richard A. Wales  
Harvey P. Newcomb  
Edith N. Snow\*  
A. Doris Whipple  
Malcolm F. MacLean, Jr.

## **APPOINTED BY MODERATOR**

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

J. Dane Chandler, 1955  
Kenneth W. Ulman, 1955  
Edward E. Jaffee, 1956

Harold P. Willett, 1955, Chairman  
Vera F. Gould, 1956  
Fred S. Brennan, 1955  
Richard Coughlin, Secretary

### **STANLEY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE**

Blanche E. Doyle  
Walter H. Forbes, Jr.

Fred S. Brennan, Chairman  
Crawford H. Stocker, Jr.  
George Sanderson

### **BUILDING BY-LAWS REVISION COMMITTEE**

David J. Abrahams  
Donald C. Goss

Raymond O. Doane  
Edwin A. Fuller  
John F. Milo

### **WAGE COMMITTEE**

Frederick N. Balsor  
Charles E. Hammann  
Harvey P. Newcomb

Philip N. Clerke, Chairman  
William E. Carey  
Grace C. Whiteacre  
Thomas M. Sullivan, Secretary

### **BY-LAWS COMMITTEE**

Lewis H. Berry  
Albert S. Hills†  
Thomas M. Newth

Henry R. Mayo, Jr., Chairman  
James F. Ryan  
James W. Santry, Jr.  
Kenneth W. Ulman

### **COMMITTEE TO STUDY BEACH RIGHTS**

Roger J. Cornell  
Anthony F. Pierre

Dr. Charles E. Donovan  
John J. Foley  
Norbert Ulman

### **PUBLIC BUILDING NEEDS COMMITTEE**

Iver K. Johnson  
Laurence B. Leonard  
George J. Place

Andrew R. Linscott, Chairman  
Mahlon G. Knowles  
Roger N. Howes  
Richard Chambers

### **COMMITTEE TO STANDARDIZE BUDGETS**

David F. Doherty  
Eugene L. Abrams

Harold R. Austin, Chairman  
I. Murray Adams  
Charles L. Blatchford

\* Resigned  
† Appointed  
‡ Deceased

## **Town Meeting Members**

### **PRECINCT ONE**

#### **Expiration 1954**

Reno S. Bisegna  
Theodore A. Brown  
Mary A. Cappucio  
Joseph Fiore  
Nicoletta Foglietta  
Nicholas Gallo  
Ann Marie Granese  
Eric A. Holmgren  
Selden D. Hulquist  
Ralph H. Jackson, Jr.  
Hazel I. Johnson  
Doris B. Linden  
Davis A. Nickerson  
Raymond H. Nickerson  
Joseph S. Rodrick  
Arthur Ventre  
Ralph W. Wade  
Roger A. Williams, Jr.\*

#### **Expiration 1955**

Frederick N. Balsor  
Gertrude P. Balsor  
James E. Champion  
J. Dane Chandler  
Laura M. Cole  
Anthony M. D'Agnese  
Virginia L. Doughty  
Geremia Foglietta  
Lillian T. Friedman  
Bennett Gallo  
James E. Hanley  
Robert B. Hegarty  
William A. Hinch  
Karl V. Johnson  
Kenneth T. Johnson  
Robert A. Linden  
Frank T. Roach  
Charles E. Snow

#### **Expiration 1956**

I. Murray Adams  
Leonard H. Bates  
Leonard H. Bates, Jr.  
Lewis H. Berry  
Chester E. Bradley  
William J. Carlin  
Frederick R. Champion  
John H. Cropley, Jr.  
Frank A. Drinkwater  
William F. Durgin, Jr.  
Alfred N. Frazier  
Herbert F. Frazier, Jr.  
Otto W. Friedman  
C. Frank Hathaway  
Andrew B. Holmes, Jr.  
Paul L. Koch  
J. Richard Maitland  
Arnold L. Snow

### **PRECINCT TWO**

#### **Expiration 1954**

Edmund F. Curley  
John R. Daley  
George H. Dee  
David F. Doherty  
Eva A. Hardy  
William S. Healey  
Herbert C. Heggie  
Leonard A. Homan  
Ralph T. Homan  
Harold M. King  
Raymond P. Legro  
Walter F. Livermore  
Gertrude G. Massey  
Philip H. Stafford  
John Stone  
Donald J. Warnock  
Philip M. Whitten  
Margaret M. Yasi

#### **Expiration 1955**

Charles L. Blatchford  
Archie C. Cornish, Jr.  
Harvey A. Craig  
Robert L. Cunningham  
Eldridge T. Davis  
Charles B. Fontaine\*  
Stuart W. Graham  
Lotta A. Hempel  
Robert P. Loring  
John A. Massey  
Ehner E. Morley  
Constance M. Newth  
Gerald H. Pashby  
Walter L. Ranger  
Joseph P. Ryan  
Kenneth W. Uiman  
Norbert A. Uiman  
Kenneth S. Whittier

#### **Expiration 1956**

Thomas E. Andresen  
Laurence A. Blood\*  
Philip J. Blood  
Frederick P. Brown  
Frederick C. Burk\*  
Thomas J. Cahill  
Peter Cassidy  
George A. Chadwell  
Richard Chambers  
Albert E. Devitt  
Raymond O. Doane  
Lyndon W. Ellis  
Arthur E. Hardy  
Edward K. Hempel  
Harold J. Keating  
Thomas M. Newth  
Albert F. Pashby  
Fred H. Whittier, Jr.



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## PRECINCT THREE

### Expiration 1954

Robert L. Benford  
Alfred F. Chatterton  
J. Campbell Deveney  
Roland N. Devitt  
Howell E. Estey  
Irving E. Guay  
William R. Homan\*  
John Clarke Kane  
John G. McLearn  
Dorothy W. Mills  
Ernest O. Mills  
Edward E. Moore  
Spencer E. Olson  
Margaret M. Scanlon  
Harry M. Shanahan  
Roger G. Skinner  
Henry A. Sleeper  
George W. Smith

### Expiration 1955

Eugene L. Abrams  
Lillian M. Atkinson  
Egbert H. Ballard  
John T. Coan, Jr.\*  
Jean W. Cobbett  
Arthur F. Connelly  
Donald W. Fessenden  
Leon A. Hackett  
Roger W. Henry  
Harold C. Hudson  
Alfred B. Jones  
Fred W. Mahan  
William J. McGettrick  
Ralph N. Murray  
Fred M. Seaton  
Harold B. Vray  
J. Henry Welch  
Lawrence O. Witter

### Expiration 1956

George B. Atkins  
Harold R. Austin  
Henry S. Baldwin  
Clarence C. Bates  
Ralph E. Bicknell  
John A. Boston  
Robert G. Byrne  
Harry E. Cahoon  
Thomas F. Collins  
Harold G. Enholm  
Clarence M. Finch  
Loring Grimes  
Edward E. Jaffee  
Philip H. Kitfield  
John J. Lally  
Ernest Manchin  
Robert C. Mansfield\*  
Harvey P. Newcomb

## PRECINCT FOUR

### Expiration 1954

Keith Anthony  
Robert F. Baur  
P. Starr Cressy  
Ralph B. Earle  
Clementine L. Emery  
Lester B. Farwell  
Loring R. Frazier  
Helen E. Gillen  
George W. Howell  
Harold G. Hussey  
Walter F. Livermore, Jr.  
James R. Maddock  
Harold I. Power  
Frederick J. Rudd  
Willard F. Stearns  
Hatherly A. Stoddard, Jr.  
B. Shapleigh Symonds  
Thomas B. Thurston

### Expiration 1955

Benjamin F. Allen  
Leta E. Anderson  
Barbara Bailey  
Frederick P. Barker  
William E. Carey  
Edward P. Carroll  
Henry J. Collins  
John R. Cooper  
Gorham L. Dermody  
Roger L. Farnum\*  
John J. Frazier  
Burt F. Harding  
Everett C. Howe  
Wendell F. Jones  
Wilbur T. Moulton  
George J. Place  
Robert C. Smith  
Frank S. Stowell

### Expiration 1956

Walter K. Anderson  
Chester A. Brown  
Edward F. Burke  
Harold F. Carlson  
Walter M. Champion, Jr.  
Frank G. W. Coletti  
Richard Coughlin  
Paul C. Curtis  
Albert G. Doane  
Elizabeth W. Forbes  
Walter H. Forbes, Jr.  
Vera F. Gould  
George E. Hutchinson  
Philip L. Knowlton  
Andrew R. Linscott  
Harry D. Linscott  
Raymond P. Miller  
Vincent P. O'Brien



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## PRECINCT FIVE

### Expiration 1954

David J. Abrahams  
C. Howard Black  
Maxwell Field  
John H. Folger  
Philip M. Folger  
Michael M. Ingalls  
Ruth F. Jackson  
Francis M. Kirkpatrick  
Linthall E. Leatherby\*  
John S. McKenney\*  
Elihu N. Morse  
Ervin D. Remick, Jr.  
Francis L. Smith  
Thomas W. Southward  
Harold P. Symmes  
Ethel C. Varney  
Donald J. Whidden  
C. Wendall Wood

### Expiration 1955

Glenn W. Bartram  
C. Glover Bowes  
Joseph Cardillo  
Robert F. Chick\*  
Edward D. Cook  
Kenneth V. Curtis  
Vincent B. Easterbrooks  
M. Virginia Fallon  
Edwin A. Fuller  
Eustis B. Grimes  
Walter V. Hatfield  
Francis N. Lang  
Louis J. Marino  
John J. Mattera\*  
Ralph S. Maxwell  
June Morse  
William H. Rothwell, 2nd  
Harold P. Willett

### Expiration 1956

Thomas A. Bailey  
Israel Bloch  
Dorothy M. Booma  
Roland C. Booma  
James W. Buchanan  
Louis C. Bufalino  
Edward T. Chamberlain  
Donald E. Costin  
John P. Costin  
Samuel S. Fallon  
Mary T. Heath\*  
Roger N. Howes  
Edward D. Loveday  
Francis H. Maitland  
Lester B. Morley  
Marion Doen Morse  
Amos E. Russell  
James W. Santry, Jr.

## PRECINCT SIX

### Expiration 1954

Dorothy K. Allison  
Richard G. Appel, Jr.  
Richard E. Blake  
Philip N. Clerke  
Charles M. Ewing  
Edward F. Flynn, Jr.  
George J. Harrington  
Robert U. Ingalls  
Bertram C. Jacobs  
Harold A. Johnson  
Arnold S. Potter  
Arnold C. Reynolds  
Kenneth G. Sites  
Owen J. Southwick  
George F. Vincent  
Frank B. Wallis  
Lillian I. White  
Robert I. Williams

### Expiration 1955

Douglas F. Allen  
Fred S. Brennan  
William F. Bufalino  
Bernard F. Carey  
Frederic P. Clark  
Charles E. Donovan  
Stephen W. Howe\*  
Richard B. Johnson  
Forrest E. Mason, Jr.  
William H. McCarthy, Jr.  
Charles G. Price  
William W. Prichard  
Joel W. Reynolds  
Albert N. Rothermel  
Theodore C. Sargent  
A. Hall Stiles, Jr.  
Kenneth T. White  
Ralph L. Williams

### Expiration 1956

John H. Blodgett  
Richard P. Breed  
Richard P. Breed, Jr.  
William T. Carpenter  
Nelson J. Darling, Jr.  
A. Bruce Durkee  
Paul W. Fitzpatrick  
Bruce Hamlin  
George W. Howe  
Robert F. Kimball  
Joseph Langmaid  
Laurence B. Leonard  
Henry R. Mayo, Jr.  
Fred L. Mower\*  
Robert F. O'Neill  
E. Benjamin Redfield, Jr.  
Crawford H. Stocker, Jr.  
John S. Way

\* Resigned

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## Board of Selectmen

FREDERICK R. CHAMPION, *Chairman*

VINCENT P. O'BRIEN

EDWARD K. HEMPEL

### TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT:

We submit the following report for your information and consideration.

#### INTRODUCTION

The members of the Board of Selectmen hold the titular position of chief administrators in the organizational setup of the town government. The primary function of the town government is to supervise and conduct the business of the town as authorized either directly by the voters or through their town meeting representatives.

It is the responsibility of the various officials of the town government to provide for and furnish those public services for which appropriations have been made by the Town Meeting. The cost of those services must be met, in large measure, through the taxes levied upon owners of property within the community.

We are of the opinion that the residents of Swampscott are entitled to the fullest degree of efficient public services consistent with sound and prudent expenditures of the public funds.

#### TAXES

During the past few years we have witnessed the rapidly increasing costs of government on the national, state, and local levels. Our 1953 tax rate of \$48 is the highest in the Town's history. The fact that this represents an increase of \$19 since the close of World War II, only eight years ago, becomes more alarming and thought provoking when we consider that during the same period our outstanding bonded indebtedness has risen from \$301,500 to \$1,371,000.

Swampscott, in common with other municipalities, has been faced with mounting expenditures resulting from the rising prices of inflation such as we have all encountered in our private lives. This has imposed a heavy burden upon the owners of property. The hue and cry throughout our nation has been for tax relief through reductions in the cost of government.

#### ECONOMY

Upon learning of the 1953 tax rate, we immediately announced that the rate of increase in our taxes must be stopped and a reduction brought about. We then issued instructions to all town officials and department heads under our jurisdiction to practice rigid economy and to use extreme care in their expenditures. We asked all other elected officials and committees to unite with us in a concerted effort to economize wherever possible. We appreciate the cooperation we received in our economy efforts and confidently expect that they will result in a reduction in this year's rate.

All departments in the town government should be supplied with good equipment. The persons who work for the town should receive fair and adequate compensation in return for which they should devote themselves to the faithful performance of their respective duties. With such a basic structure, the foundation is well built for the further development of an economically sound public service.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department consists of a Chief of Police, three Captains, and twenty Patrolmen, plus a Reserve Police Force of five men. All members of the Department are appointed by the Board of Selectmen and are under Civil Service classification.

During the past year, we have devoted considerable time to the study of problems affecting the Police Department. We believe that a constant study should be made of methods to enhance the efficiency of the Department. Unless the Department is fully staffed and properly equipped at all times, the citizens are not receiving the protection which they expect and to which they are entitled.

We have had the Department's twenty-year old inhalator, which we deemed obsolete, replaced with a new Resuscitator-Inhalator-Aspirator. This improved life-saving unit is constantly available for any emergency.

The Department has three prowler cars, so called, and it has been the custom to replace one of these cars each year. This practice has resulted in what the Board considers excessively high expenditures for maintenance and repairs as the cars advance in age. We believe that it would be far wiser to replace the two cars generally used by the Department for patrol work each year. The savings on maintenance and repairs, together with the increased turn in value of one-year old cars, should prove satisfactory from an economy standpoint and at the same time keep the Department provided with newer and better equipment.

## TRAFFIC PROBLEMS

The Automobile Age has furnished every modern day community with many problems. During the past year, we have amended the traffic rules and regulations to take care of changing conditions. Early in our administration we removed the seemingly unnecessary ban against parking on either side of Humphrey Street at Fisherman's Beach and voted to permit limited parking on both sides of the street along the beach reservation in a desire to facilitate use of the beach by more of the townspeople.

Many motorists passing through our town drive at excessively high speeds, particularly along Essex Street, Paradise Road, and Humphrey Street. This has been a continuing problem for a long time. Under our direction the Police Department has made much progress in controlling this menace to the safety of our citizens.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fire Department consists of a Fire Chief who is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, a Deputy Chief, five Captains, and twenty-five Firefighters, all of whom are appointed by the Fire Chief. All members of the Department are under Civil Service classification.

We have been informed by the Chief that, based on information that he has obtained at various meetings of fire chiefs and with other firefighting officials, he believes that our Department is basically well equipped.

It has been brought to our attention that the town will be faced in the comparatively near future with the necessity of replacing its two fire pumpers, one of which was purchased in 1932 and the other in 1935. While this will involve a substantial expenditure, it is the type of purchase which should not be too long delayed.

The Phillip's Beach Engine House is in good condition, and with reasonable maintenance should be useful for many years. The Central Fire Station is a very old building. It is to be regretted that the town did not seek federal assistance to-

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wards the building of a new station during the depression years when the national government was spending large sums for similar purposes throughout the country. No doubt the Building Needs Committee authorized at the 1953 Annual Town Meeting will have some recommendations in this connection and we await their report with interest.

## CIVIL DEFENSE

Swampscott can be justly proud of its Auxiliary Police Force and its Auxiliary Fire Department. These are two of the best equipped and enthusiastically manned units in the whole Commonwealth. The members of those units have devoted many, many hours to their duties.

It is unfortunate that so many of us take little active interest in the Civil Defense Program. As long as our nation is threatened by the forces of Godless Communism there will be a continuing need for Civil Defense. Many more of us should become participants in the program.

## WORCESTER TORNADO

On June 9th a devastating tornado struck the Worcester area leaving an appalling trail of death and destruction. We are happy to say that men and equipment from our Park Department, Auxiliary Fire Department, and Auxiliary Police Department were sent to that area where their services were utilized by the disaster officials.

His Excellency, Governor Christian A. Herter, organized a Central Massachusetts Disaster Relief Committee and appointed Lieutenant Governor Sumner G. Whittier as coordinator of all fund-raising activities outside of Worcester County.

At the request of the Lieutenant Governor the Selectmen organized a fund raising campaign in Swampscott. We are happy to report that a little over \$2,000 was collected and turned over to the Disaster Committee.

## GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE

His Excellency the Governor held a Conference on State, County, and Municipal relations at the State House on October 27, 1953. This Conference, the first of its kind ever held, was attended by the members of your Board of Selectmen.

Many problems affecting all towns were discussed, and the exchange of ideas at the various panels was most informative. It is expected that further conferences will be held at least once a year.

## SELECTMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS

Swampscott has membership in both the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association and in the Essex County Selectmen's Association.

The members of your Board have attended the meetings of both associations and feel that much of the information obtained through those sources was beneficial to us and enabled us to more effectively carry out our official duties.

## RELEASE OF POW

In April the entire Greater Lynn community was thrilled to hear that Corporal Vincent Dandreo of 48 Jessie Street, previously reported missing in action in Korea, had been released by the Red Chinese Forces following his imprisonment in North Korea.

Corporal Dandreo was flown home from Korea and Japan to be reunited with his family. Thanks to Senator Leverett Saltonstall's personal efforts the Board was

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kept informed of the released POW's progress across the country so that a reception committee, hastily organized, was able to greet Vincent at the Westover Airfield and escorted him to his home.

The Leon E. Abbott Post 57, American Legion invited Corporal Dandreo to be its guest at the Post's Annual Dinner and Ball at the New Ocean House on May 21. The Board of Selectmen extended an invitation to all other returned Korean Veterans from Swampscott to attend the dinner as guests of the town. We are pleased to say that approximately twenty Korean Veterans were in attendance as your guests and appreciated the town's hospitality.

## HUMPHREY STREET WIDENING

During 1952 the portion of Humphrey Street extending from the beginning of Atlantic Avenue to Palmer Avenue was widened and resurfaced as a Chapter 90 project. The extension of the project to Salem Street was started last fall and while it is now inactive due to winter weather, it is to be resumed and completed this spring.

## CONCLUSION

Swampscott, originally settled in 1629, is now in the 102nd year of its incorporation as a town. We who live here are fully aware of its many favorable features including its scenic beauty and attractive beaches. Thousands of visitors come to Swampscott each year particularly as a result of the many conventions that are held here. Our town is considered a most desirable community within which to live and raise a family. We believe that it is the duty (and that it should be the continuing responsibility) of all those connected with the town government to see that Swampscott remains in its present favorable position.



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## Town Clerk

MALCOLM F. MACLEAN, JR., *Town Clerk*

### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, January 20, 1953**

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an additional sum of money to supplement the appropriation made under Article 18 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1952 for the purpose of acquiring land and constructing and originally equipping an addition to the Stanley School and appropriate the necessary money therefor from the tax levy of the current year by transferring from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto.

Petitioned for by the Stanley School Building Committee.

Voted: Article 1. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town raise and appropriate an additional sum of One Hundred Twenty Thousand (\$120,000) Dollars to supplement the appropriation made under Article 18 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1952 for the purpose of acquiring land and constructing and originally equipping an addition to the Stanley School, and to meet said appropriation, that Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars be appropriated from available revenue funds and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed the remainder, viz., One Hundred Ten Thousand (\$110,000) Dollars; and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.) so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the issuance of the first bond or note or such earlier date as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may determine. Unanimous.

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### TOWN WARRANT

**Monday, March 16, 1953**

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for one (1) year.

To choose three members of the Board of Selectmen for one (1) year.

To choose a Collector of Taxes for three (3) years.

To choose a Town Treasurer for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the Water and Sewerage Board for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the Board of Assessors for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the Park Commission for three (3) years.

To choose two members of the School Committee for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the School Committee for one (1) year.

To choose one member of the Board of Trustees of the Public Library for three (3) years.

To choose one member of the Board of Public Welfare for three (3) years.

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- To choose one member of the Board of Public Welfare for two (2) years.
- To choose one member of the Board of Public Welfare for one (1) year.
- To choose one member of the Board of Health for three (3) years.
- To choose three constables for one (1) year.
- To choose one member of the Planning Board for five (5) years.
- To choose one member of the Board of Commissioners of Trust Funds for three (3) years.
- To choose one member of the Swampscott Housing Authority for five (5) years.
- To choose eighteen (18) representative Town Meeting Members in each Precinct for three (3) years.
- To choose eighteen (18) representative Town Meeting Members in each Precinct for two (2) years.
- To choose eighteen (18) representative Town Meeting Members in each Precinct for one (1) year.

And to vote on the following questions:

## QUESTION 1

Shall an act passed by the General Court in the year 1951, entitled, "An Act Establishing a Town Manager Form of Government for the Town of Swampscott" be accepted by this town?

YES	
NO	

## QUESTION 2

Shall the town vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, therefor providing civil service for the non-elected official and the labor services of the Town of Swampscott?

YES	
NO	

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of town officials, boards, and committees. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to accept the report of the committee appointed under Article 19 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1952 and authorize and direct the Selectmen to petition the Legislature to enact appropriate legislation to establish a Public Works Department in the Town of Swampscott. Sponsored by the Committee Appointed to Study a Public Works Department in the Town of Swampscott.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to accept the progress report of the committee appointed under Article 42 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1952 to investigate wage scales and job classifications for all town employees and continue the said committee in office and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Wage Scale Committee.

Article 5. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and Town Treasurer.



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Article 6. To see what action the town will take in relation to the recommendations calling for the appropriation or expenditure of money, and creation of a debt, or the disposition of town property as set forth in the report of officers, boards or committees. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 7. To see what action the town will take relative to increasing the wages of all town employees and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Petitioned for by the Town Employees' Wage Committee. John G. McLearn, Chairman.

Article 8. To see what action the town will take in relation to the appropriation of money for departmental and other expenses for the year 1953. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 9. To see what action the town will take in relation to salaries of elected town officials for the ensuing year. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 10. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Assessors, the Board of Park Commissioners, and the Planning Board each, to appoint a member of such boards to act as secretary thereof and receive pay therefor, as provided by Chapter 41, Section 4A of the General Laws (Ter. Ed.). Sponsored by the Board of Assessors, the Board of Park Commissioners, and the Planning Board.

Article 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the account of unpaid bills for the purpose of settling all bills contracted prior to January 1, 1953 and remaining unpaid at the time of the closing of the town's books for the year 1952 according to the records of the Town Accountant. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Fund of the town to the account of Current Revenue a sum of money to be used and applied by the Board of Assessors in reduction of the tax levy, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the proper observance of the Fourth of July or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the proper observance of Memorial Day or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 15. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the proper observance of Armistice Day or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 16. To see if the town will vote to establish a citizens' committee to study the needs and plans for future school development in Swampscott as proposed by the School Committee, consisting of the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the principal of the high school, the principal of the junior high school, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, the Town Engineer, one member of the Taxpayers' Association, one member of the clergy, one member of the League of Women Voters, one member of the

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Parent-Teachers' Association Council, one Town Meeting member from each precinct, the said committee to report to the next annual or any special town meeting, and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the School Committee.

Article 17. To see if the town will vote to amend the Plumbing By-Laws of the Town of Swampscott by striking out all the provisions of the existing Plumbing By-Laws and amendments thereto now in force and effect, and adopt in their place a new Plumbing By-Law as prepared by the committee appointed by vote under Article 30 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1951. Sponsored by the Committee Appointed to Study, Revise and Submit a New Plumbing Code.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 111G (Chapter 488 of the Acts of 1952) which provides as follows:

"In any city or town in which the provisions of section one hundred and eleven apply and which accepts this section, in the manner hereinafter provided, any employee thereof who has worked continuously for five years but less than ten years shall be granted an annual vacation of three weeks without loss of pay, and any employee thereof who has worked continuously for ten years or more shall be granted an annual vacation of four weeks without loss of pay." Petitioned for by the Town Employees' Wage Committee, John G. McLearn, Chairman.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Moderator to appoint a committee to study the advisability of erecting an addition to the Public Library and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Library Trustees.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to amend the zoning by-laws of the Town of Swampscott so that the property on Paradise Road, also known as State Road, being Lot 76-A, Plate 14, Assessors' Plans, and that portion of Lot 76, Plate 14, said Assessors' Plans, which consists of the floor of the old quarry, so-called, as set forth on said Assessors' Plans, except that part already zoned Business B-1 by action of the Annual Town Meeting of 1948, Article 38, may be changed from its present Residential zone to Business B-1, or take any other action relative thereto. Petitioned for by Harold F. Carlson, et al.

Article 21. To see if the town will vote to re-zone the premises numbered 35 New Ocean Street, known as Plate 1 Lot 4, Assessors' Plans, from Residence A-3 District to Business B-1 District or take any action relative thereto. Petitioned for by James J. McCarriston, et al.

Article 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the laying of water mains on Foster Road and on Windsor Avenue, pursuant to the provisions of Section 25, Chapter 82 (Ter. Ed.) of the General Laws and authorize the Board of Selectmen or the Water and Sewerage Board to take the necessary steps therefor; and to appropriate the necessary money therefor from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Upper Swampscott Improvement Association. Frederick N. Balsor, President.

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Article 23. To see if the town will vote to discontinue, and deed back to the respective abutters, that portion of Cedar Hill Terrace, formerly used as a turning circle for said Terrace, before Bay View Drive was developed, as shown on a plan drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, dated January, 1953. Petitioned for by Marion G. Coughlin, et al.

Article 24. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 147, Section 17A of the General Laws, as inserted by Chapter 268, Acts of 1952, which provides that police officers shall be given additional days off if required to work on certain days of the year, or shall be entitled to additional days' pay in lieu thereof. Petitioned for by Edward P. Carroll, et al.

Article 25. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of placing lights and other decorations on Humphrey Street during the 1953 Christmas season or take any action relative thereto. Petitioned for by the Swampscott Business Men's Association, Carl R. Perry, Secretary.

Article 26. To see if the town will vote to purchase an automobile to be used as a patrol car for the Police Department and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and Chief of Police.

Article 27. To see if the town will vote to carry on a sidewalk construction program under the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 83, Sections 25 and 26, and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 28. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with money appropriated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the County of Essex for the repair or construction of highways as provided by Chapter 90 of the General Laws. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 29. To see if the town will vote to re-build Puritan Road, from the Northwest end of Woodbine Avenue, 700 lin. ft. easterly more or less, and appropriate the necessary money therefor by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to accept Brown Road from Atlantic Avenue to Longley Avenue as a public way as laid out by the Selectmen in accordance with the plans drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, on condition that all abutters sign the necessary waivers, and to purchase or take by eminent domain a strip of land approximately twenty feet in length and forty feet wide located in the southerly end of said Brown Road. Petitioned for by Charlotte Rogers et al.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to accept Alden Road as a public way as laid out by the Selectmen in accordance with the plans drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, on condition that all abutters sign the necessary waivers. Petitioned for by Sadie Cohen et al.

Article 32. To see if the town will vote to accept Muriel Road as a public way as laid out by the Selectmen in accordance with the plans drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, on condition that all abutters sign the necessary waivers. Petitioned for by Charles S. Feldman et al.

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Article 33. To see if the town will vote to accept Pine Hill Road as a public way as laid out by the Selectmen in accordance with the plans drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, on condition that all abutters sign the necessary waivers. Petitioned for by Albert G. Doane et al.

Article 34. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the necessary repair and construction work on the various Parks or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Article 35. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a power lawn mower to replace the one now in use or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Article 36. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of seed, loam, and fertilizer, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Article 37. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the continuance of the summer recreational project or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Article 38. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the painting of existing galvanized fences or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Park Commissioners.

Article 39. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Surveyor of Highways to purchase a three-ton truck and sell or trade a 1940 White truck, for the use of the Highway Department, and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Surveyor of Highways.

Article 40. To see if the town will vote to complete the resurfacing of Blodgett Avenue for a distance of 700 lin. ft. and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen and Surveyor of Highways.

Article 41. To see if the town will vote to purchase a small portable compressor with accessories for the Cemetery Department and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Superintendent of Cemetery.

Article 42. To see if the town will vote to repair the walls of the tomb and also the stone wall west of the Andrews Memorial Chapel at the Cemetery and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Superintendent of Cemetery.

Article 43. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and study the methods and problems relative to maintaining departmental accounts with a view to standardization of departmental accounting, budget reports and budgets. Sponsored by the Finance Committee.

Article 44. To see if the town will vote to lay a drain from Bay View Drive to Cedar Hill Terrace through an easement now owned by the Town and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Water and Sewerage Board.



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Article 45. To see if the town will vote to lay a drain and necessary catch basins in Winshaw Road and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Petitioned for by Mary M. Hutchinson, et al.

Article 46. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Water and Sewerage Board to establish the hydrant rental charge to the Fire Department at the rate of \$10.00 per hydrant per year and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Water and Sewerage Board.

Article 47. To see if the town will vote to purchase a new pick-up truck for the Sewer Department and authorize the said department to trade or sell the present 1947 half-ton Chevrolet pick-up truck and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Water and Sewerage Board.

Article 48. To see if the town will vote to make a long-range study of future trunk line sewer extensions in the Little's Point and Standpipe area of the Town of Swampscott and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Planning Board.

Article 49. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1952, providing increases for certain pensioners. Sponsored by the Contributory Retirement Board.

Article 50. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase or take by eminent domain the necessary land adjoining Jessie Street, namely a part of lot number 36 on the Assessors' Plans Plate 7 and being lot numbered 6 Tid Street, for the purpose of widening Jessie Street to remove a traffic hazard at that point; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to widen said Jessie Street at the aforesaid part of said Jessie Street, and appropriate the necessary money therefor, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Upper Swampscott Improvement Association, Frederick N. Balsor, President.

Article 51. To see if the town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Park Commissioners to prepare a long-range plan for the development of a portion of the land located at the end of Plymouth Avenue accepted as a gift from Louis Gutterman and the Homesites Realty Company under the vote under Article 17 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1951 and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Petitioned for by Edward S. Underwood et al.

Article 52. To see if the town will vote to rescind its acceptance of a gift of land from Louis Gutterman and the Homesites Realty Company under vote under Article 17 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1951. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the payment of premiums for group life insurance for its permanent employees as provided for by Chapter 239 of the Acts of 1952 or take any action relative thereto. Petitioned for by William R. Homan, et al.

Article 54. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to settle the land damage cases pending against the town for the taking of land

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for cemetery purposes under Article 24 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1952 and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 55. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to settle the case pending against the town for the taking of land for the Stanley School addition and appropriate the necessary money therefor or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 56. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$231.65 to satisfy the outstanding 1950 real estate taxes on the property of Harold R. Fall taken by the town for school purposes under the provisions of Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting of May 16, 1950 or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Collector of Taxes.

Article 57. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of Real Estate now or hereafter owned by the town and acquired through foreclosure or purchased under General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 60, as amended, for non-payment of taxes and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 58. To see what action the town will take on the matter of transferring certain unexpended balances, as shown on the books of the Town Accountant as of December 31, 1952, to the Excess and Deficiency Fund, or take any action relative thereto. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 59. To appropriate and raise by borrowing or otherwise, under any general or special law which authorizes the town to raise money by borrowing or otherwise, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary for any or all of the purposes mentioned in the foregoing articles. Sponsored by the Board of Selectmen.

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING Monday, March 16, 1953

Precinct 1 .....	754
Precinct 2 .....	780
Precinct 3 .....	735
Precinct 4 .....	682
Precinct 5 .....	783
Precinct 6 .....	690
Total votes cast .....	4424

	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Moderator for 1 Year</b>								
C. Frank Hathaway (E) .....		496	450	416	372	359	215	2308
Richard B. Johnson .....		129	214	189	200	246	334	1312
Blanks .....		129	116	130	110	178	141	804
<b>Selectmen for 1 Year</b>								
Frederick R. Champion (E) .....		388	311	290	307	318	338	1952
Frank A. Drinkwater .....		294	126	122	73	105	55	775
Bennett Gallo .....		129	45	41	35	72	28	350
George R. Hambrecht .....		30	65	36	20	24	16	191
Edward K. Hempel (E) .....		164	255	290	223	228	202	1362
Edward E. Jaffee .....		101	170	190	123	193	251	1028
Marion Doen Morse .....		166	206	219	238	270	215	1314
Lawson H. O'Brien .....		102	81	76	39	61	24	383
Vincent P. O'Brien (E) .....		247	310	274	348	337	299	1815
Albert F. Pashby .....		183	244	150	192	114	139	1022
Amos E. Russell .....		129	191	210	201	223	153	1107
Blanks .....		329	336	307	245	404	350	1971

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Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Collector of Taxes for 3 Years</b>							
Malcolm F. MacLean, Jr. (E)----	617	617	584	566	616	577	3577
Blanks -----	137	163	151	116	167	113	847
<b>Treasurer for 3 Years</b>							
Robert G. Byrne (E) -----	621	638	608	583	627	574	3651
Blanks -----	133	142	127	99	156	116	773
<b>Water and Sewerage Commissioner for 3 Years</b>							
Alfred N. Frazier (E) -----	600	605	563	529	564	545	3406
Blanks -----	154	175	172	153	219	145	1018
<b>Assessor for 3 Years</b>							
Thomas F. Collins (E) -----	260	267	253	196	206	241	1423
Edwin A. Fuller -----	215	183	199	192	231	170	1190
Ralph N. Murray -----	205	260	224	250	260	197	1396
Blanks -----	74	70	59	44	86	82	415
<b>Board of Park Commissioners for 3 Years</b>							
Lewis H. Berry (E) -----	448	378	376	348	274	287	2111
Donald E. Costin -----	264	348	283	271	398	309	1873
Blanks -----	42	54	76	63	111	94	440
<b>School Committee for 3 Years</b>							
Walter H. Forbes, Jr. (E) -----	554	601	564	532	547	504	3302
Theodore C. Sargent (E) -----	542	565	523	502	528	518	3178
Blanks -----	412	394	383	330	491	358	2368
<b>School Committee for 1 Year</b>							
George A. Chadwell (E) -----	299	355	308	301	259	222	1744
Edward F. Flynn, Jr. -----	171	188	160	169	246	188	1122
Doris F. Humphrey -----	203	188	192	165	175	198	1121
Blanks -----	81	49	75	47	103	82	437
<b>Trustee of Public Library for 3 Years</b>							
Nelson J. Darling, Jr. (E) -----	516	549	520	468	510	496	3059
Blanks -----	238	231	215	214	273	194	1365
<b>Board of Public Welfare for 3 Years</b>							
John J. O'Shea -----	161	146	129	120	169	110	835
Donald Redfern (E) -----	276	292	319	330	312	255	1784
Fred M. Seaton -----	242	286	223	192	182	196	1321
Blanks -----	75	56	64	40	120	129	484
<b>Board of Public Welfare for 2 Years</b>							
Paul C. Curtis (E) -----	523	536	533	535	542	504	3173
Blanks -----	231	244	202	147	241	186	1251
<b>Board of Public Welfare for 1 Year</b>							
Norbert A. Ulman (E) -----	562	575	539	510	527	493	3206
Blanks -----	192	205	196	172	256	197	1218
<b>Board of Health for 3 Years</b>							
Loring Grimes (E) -----	543	572	545	515	539	519	3233
Blanks -----	211	208	190	167	244	171	1191
<b>Constable for 1 Year</b>							
Wayne Anderson (E) -----	479	531	475	482	421	429	2817
Leonard H. Bates (E) -----	533	573	542	483	480	449	3060
John J. Mattera (E) -----	391	352	353	363	447	376	2282
Francis R. McGougan -----	284	268	215	211	181	139	1298
Blanks -----	575	616	620	507	820	677	3815



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	Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
<b>Planning Board for 5 Years</b>								
Harold M. King (E)		559	591	555	528	537	499	3269
Blanks		195	189	180	154	246	191	1155

<b>Commissioner of Trust Funds for 3 Years</b>								
Harold R. Austin (E)		6	4	17	11	16	4	58
Blanks		748	776	718	671	767	686	4366

<b>Swampscott Housing Authority for 5 Years</b>								
John A. Massey (E)		563	576	508	505	495	480	3127
Blanks		191	204	227	177	288	210	1297

<b>Question No. 1</b>								
Yes		190	190	189	190	255	208	1222
No (E)		455	509	452	421	408	377	2622
Blanks		109	81	94	71	120	105	580

<b>Question No. 2</b>								
Yes		323	293	275	246	259	224	1620
No (E)		281	349	319	324	326	298	1897
Blanks		150	138	141	112	198	168	907

## Town Meeting Members for Precinct 1

	Votes Cast	Term of Years		Votes Cast	Term of Years
I. Murray Adams (E)	461	3	James E. Hanley (E)	278	2
Frederick N. Balsor (E)	294	2	C. Frank Hathaway (E)	384	3
Gertrude P. Balsor (E)	279	2	Robert B. Hegarty (E)	299	2
Leonard H. Bates (E)	422	3	William A. Hinch (E)	270	2
Leonard H. Bates, Jr. (E)	375	3	Andrew B. Holmes, Jr., (E)	314	3
Lewis H. Berry (E)	438	3	Eric A. Holmgren (E)	234	1
Reno S. Bisegna (E)	253	1	Selden D. Hulquist (E)	241	1
Chester E. Bradley (E)	381	3	Ralph H. Jackson, Jr. (E)	229	1
Theodore A. Brown (E)	248	1	Hazel I. Johnson (E)	265	1
Ralph C. Buckman	201	—	Karl V. Johnson (E)	303	2
Mary A. Cappuccio (E)	242	1	Kenneth T. Johnson (E)	286	2
William J. Carlin (E)	322	3	Lucius E. Johnson	222	—
Robert W. Cashman	218	—	Donovan H. Johnston	179	—
Frederick R. Champion (E)	436	3	Paul L. Koch (E)	327	3
James E. Champion (E)	290	2	Foris B. Linden (E)	262	1
J. Dane Chandler (E)	275	2	Robert A. Linden (E)	277	2
Laura M. Cole (E)	298	2	Graham R. MacKenzie	205	—
John H. Cropley, Jr. (E)	349	3	J. Richard Matland (E)	328	3
Anthony M. D'Agnesse (E)	279	2	Davis A. Nickerson (E)	265	1
Nathalie R. Dearborn	221	—	Raymond H. Nickerson (E)	243	1
Virginia L. Doughty (E)	281	2	Merton C. Olsen	221	—
Frank A. Drinkwater (E)	392	3	Leslie F. O'Neal	190	—
William F. Durgin, Jr. (E)	334	3	Antonio Parletta	208	—
Joseph Fiore (E)	269	1	Maurice A. Pearlman	158	—
Abbott W. Fish, Jr.	211	—	Charles P. Picariello	208	—
Geremia Foglietta (E)	270	2	Lawrence F. Picariello	192	—
Nicoletta Foglietta (E)	246	1	Augustine J. Picone	119	—
Alfred N. Frazier (E)	380	3	Mary G. Picone	105	—
Herbert F. Frazier, Jr. (E)	357	3	Vincent L. Poltrino	163	—
Lillian T. Friedman (E)	283	2	Frank E. Ramsdell	206	—
Otto W. Friedman (E)	316	3	Mildred M. Ramsdell	192	—
Bennett Gallo (E)	294	2	Francis W. Reddy	134	—
Nicholas Gallo (E)	258	1	Daniel P. Rezan	191	—
Warren F. Goodwin	222	—	Frank T. Roach (E)	278	2
Ann Marie Granese (E)	244	1	Carroll G. Robinson	174	—

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## Town Meeting Members for Precinct 1 (Continued)

	Votes Cast	Term of Years		Votes Cast	Term of Years
Joseph S. Rodrick (E) .....	230	1	Grazia Tanzella .....	126	—
Woodbury L. Rodrick, Jr. ....	223	—	John F. Timmons .....	144	—
Bertram I. Seward .....	127	—	Carl F. Turner .....	184	—
Raymond W. Smith .....	180	—	Arthur Ventre (E) .....	234	1
Arnold L. Snow (E) .....	314	3	Ralph W. Wade (E) .....	235	1
Charles E. Snow (E) .....	281	2	Guy H. Wayne, Jr. ....	209	—
George H. Stevens .....	178	—	Roger A. Williams, Jr. (E) ..	226	1
Solomon M. Strumpfman .....	66	—	Arthur A. Zletz .....	216	—
Sophie Strumpfman .....	63	—	Joseph Zletz .....	173	—
			Blanks .....	18,518	

## Town Meeting Members for Precinct 2

Thomas E. Andresen (E) ....	357	3	Walter F. Livermore (E) ....	274	1
Hyman M. Baker .....	173	—	Robert P. Loring (E) .....	306	2
Charles L. Blatchford (E) ..	289	2	Gertrude G. Massey (E) ....	258	1
Irving Blitt .....	147	—	John A. Massey (E) .....	283	2
Laurence A. Blood (E) .....	360	3	James A. Mathers .....	207	—
Philip J. Blood (E) .....	341	3	John I. McGougan .....	216	—
Betty Blumberg .....	124	—	William H. McIntyre .....	231	—
Leon Blumberg .....	134	—	John F. Milo .....	224	—
Frederick P. Brown (E) ....	371	3	John J. Monahan .....	175	—
Frederick C. Burk (E) .....	429	3	Milton I. Moore .....	230	—
Thomas J. Cahill (E) .....	329	3	Elmer E. Morley (E) .....	281	2
Peter Cassidy (E) .....	338	3	Frederick D. Morrill .....	205	—
George A. Chadwell (E) ....	367	3	Lorna Nelson .....	190	—
Richard Chambers (E) .....	330	3	Monte Nelson .....	214	—
Archie C. Cornish, Jr. (E) ..	287	2	Constance M. Newth (E) ....	312	2
Harvey A. Craig (E) .....	298	2	Thomas M. Newth (E) ....	401	3
Robert L. Cunningham (E) ..	312	2	Albert F. Pashby (E) .....	384	3
Edmund F. Curley (E) .....	236	1	Gerald H. Pashby (E) .....	236	2
John R. Daley (E) .....	257	1	Edmund W. Pease .....	232	—
Eldridge T. Davis (E) .....	325	2	Evald O. Peterson .....	182	—
George H. Dee (E) .....	249	1	Edmund J. Pickard .....	186	—
Albert E. Devitt (E) .....	354	3	Anthony F. Pierre .....	234	—
Raymond O. Doane (E) .....	415	3	Walter L. Ranger (E) .....	297	2
David F. Doherty (E) .....	260	1	Woodbury L. Rodrick .....	224	—
Lyndon W. Ellis (E) .....	337	3	Joseph P. Ryan (E) .....	316	2
Charles B. Fontaine (E) ....	310	2	Frank L. Scheffler .....	204	—
Leo W. Frechette .....	225	—	Hyman C. Sinman .....	86	—
Eva L. Goldman .....	175	—	Helena C. Smith .....	108	—
Michael Goldman .....	167	—	Walter B. Snell .....	222	—
Stuart W. Graham (E) .....	307	2	Richard A. Spence .....	186	—
Arthur E. Hardy (E) .....	352	3	Emory C. Spencer .....	164	—
Eva A. Hardy (E) .....	268	1	Philip H. Stafford (E) .....	262	1
William S. Healey (E) .....	262	1	John Stone (E) .....	245	1
Herbert C. Heggie (E) .....	260	1	Irene T. Townsend .....	158	—
Edward K. Hempel (E) .....	377	3	Paul H. Townsend .....	180	—
Lotta A. Hempel (E) .....	299	2	Charles F. Tremblay .....	203	—
Leonard A. Homan (E) .....	261	1	Kenneth W. Ulman (E) ....	324	2
Ralph T. Homan (E) .....	266	1	Norbert A. Ulman (E) .....	293	2
Earl L. Hutchings .....	179	—	Richard A. Wales .....	222	—
Harold J. Keating (E) .....	343	3	James G. Walton .....	191	—
Harold M. King (E) .....	272	1	Donald J. Warnock (E) .....	265	1
Herbert D. Klein .....	115	—	Philip M. Whitten (E) .....	241	1
Walter F. Kozak .....	152	—	Fred H. Whittier, Jr. (E) ...	329	3
Raymond P. Legro (E) .....	244	1	Kenneth S. Whittier (E) ....	289	2
Estelle Lerner .....	145	—	Margaret M. Yasi (E) .....	271	1
Michael Lerner .....	121	—	Blanks .....	18,770	

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## Town Meeting Members for Precinct 3

	Votes Cast	Term of Years		Votes Cast	Term of Years
Eugene L. Abrams (E) .....	274	2	Alfred B. Jones (E) .....	279	2
Ezra Andelman .....	194	—	John Clarke Kane (E) .....	246	1
George B. Atkins (E) .....	391	3	Irving S. Kaplan .....	151	—
Lillian M. Atkinson (E) .....	303	2	Abraham Kessel .....	152	—
Harold R. Austin (E) .....	340	3	Philip H. Kitfield (E) .....	358	3
Henry S. Baldwin (E) .....	344	3	John J. Lally (E) .....	346	3
Egbert H. Ballard (E) .....	312	2	Fred W. Mahan (E) .....	273	2
Clarence C. Bates (E) .....	371	3	Ernest Manchin (E) .....	342	3
Robert L. Benford (E) .....	260	1	Robert C. Mansfield (E) .....	348	3
Ralph E. Bicknell (E) .....	468	3	William J. McGettrick (E) .....	303	2
John A. Boston (E) .....	375	3	John G. McLearn (E) .....	240	1
Robert G. Byrne (E) .....	435	3	Bernard H. Michelson .....	164	—
Harry E. Cahoon (E) .....	319	3	Dorothy W. Mills (E) .....	215	1
Alfred F. Chatterton (E) .....	229	1	Ernest O. Mills (E) .....	250	1
Joseph G. Clancy .....	221	—	Edward E. Moore (E) .....	229	1
John T. Coan, Jr. (E) .....	276	2	Joseph E. Murphy .....	176	—
Jean W. Cobbett (E) .....	300	2	Ralph N. Murray (E) .....	307	2
Thomas F. Collins (E) .....	328	3	Daniel J. Myers .....	219	—
Arthur F. Connelly (E) .....	272	2	Harvey P. Newcomb (E) .....	321	3
Walter A. Costello .....	218	—	Spencer E. Olson (E) .....	244	1
James C. Deveney (E) .....	250	1	Russell E. Radabaugh .....	109	—
Roland N. Devitt (E) .....	251	1	Sidney P. Rankin .....	180	—
Harold G. Enholm (E) .....	340	3	John C. Ryan .....	193	—
Howell E. Estey (E) .....	265	1	Margaret M. Scanlon (E) .....	258	1
James H. Fenner .....	212	—	Fred M. Seaton (E) .....	281	2
Donald W. Fessenden (E) .....	277	2	Harry M. Shanahan (E) .....	223	1
Clarence M. Finch (E) .....	404	3	Roger G. Skinner (E) .....	262	1
Harold Frisch .....	208	—	Henry A. Sleeper (E) .....	243	1
Paul Germain .....	213	—	George W. Smith (E) .....	262	1
Loring Grimes (E) .....	373	3	Harold B. Vray (E) .....	283	2
Irving E. Guay (E) .....	231	1	Carl E. Ward .....	199	—
Leon A. Hackett (E) .....	271	2	J. Henry Welch (E) .....	308	2
Roger W. Henry (E) .....	293	2	Paul H. Wilson .....	206	—
Mildred D. Hernandez .....	151	—	Lawrence O. Witter (E) .....	306	2
William R. Homan (E) .....	258	1	Robert S. Wolley .....	218	—
Harold C. Hudson (E) .....	291	2	Priscilla F. Zimmermann .....	187	—
Edward E. Jaffee (E) .....	319	3	Blanks .....	19,942	

## Town Meeting Members for Precinct 4

Leo A. Abell .....	183	—	Richard Coughlin (E) .....	294	3
Benjamin F. Allen (E) .....	259	2	P. Starr Cressy (E) .....	223	1
Leta E. Anderson (E) .....	281	2	Paul C. Curtis (E) .....	358	3
Walter K. Anderson (E) .....	303	3	Gorham L. Dermody (E) .....	276	2
Keith Anthony (E) .....	216	1	Edith P. Deutsch .....	150	—
Barbara Bailey (E) .....	264	2	Joseph W. Dilk .....	144	—
Frederick P. Barker (E) .....	277	2	Albert G. Doane (E) .....	352	3
Robert F. Baur (E) .....	230	1	Ralph B. Earle (E) .....	237	1
Chester A. Brown (E) .....	336	3	Clementine L. Emery (E) .....	221	1
Joseph Brown .....	172	—	Marion W. Epstein .....	178	—
Edward F. Burke (E) .....	311	3	Roger L. Farnum (E) .....	261	2
George J. Burke .....	199	—	Robert N. Farren .....	175	—
William E. Carey (E) .....	273	2	Lester B. Farwell (E) .....	217	1
Harold F. Carlson (E) .....	390	3	Elizabeth W. Forbes (E) .....	343	3
Edward P. Carroll (E) .....	256	2	Walter H. Forbes, Jr. (E) .....	363	3
Walter M. Champion, Jr. (E) .....	308	3	John J. Frazier (E) .....	251	2
Frank G. W. Coletti (E) .....	302	3	Loring R. Frazier (E) .....	239	1
Henry J. Collins (E) .....	249	2	Helen E. Gillen (E) .....	227	1
John R. Cooper (E) .....	282	2	Vera F. Gould (E) .....	295	3

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## Town Meeting Members for Precinct 4 (Continued)

	Votes Cast	Term of Years		Votes Cast	Term of Years
Thomas G. Greeley .....	150	—	Wilbur T. Moulton (E) .....	242	2
Burt F. Harding (E) .....	271	2	Thomas J. Mulvey .....	162	—
Edward O. Henrikson .....	154	—	Ray L. Myers .....	138	—
Everett C. Howe (E) .....	262	2	Vincent P. O'Brien (E) .....	395	3
George W. Howell (E) .....	234	1	Olaf A. Olsson, Jr. ....	175	—
Harold G. Hussey (E) .....	240	1	Maurice R. Pinard .....	129	—
George E. Hutchinson (E) .....	341	3	George J. Place (E) .....	278	2
Wendell F. Jones (E) .....	280	2	Harold I. Power (E) .....	203	1
Philip L. Knowlton (E) .....	305	3	Frederick J. Rudd (E) .....	217	1
Louis J. Langevin .....	187	—	Charles E. Seifert .....	158	—
Ernest J. Leger .....	186	—	Ethel M. Seifert .....	122	—
Andrew R. Linscott (E) .....	392	3	Robert C. Smith (E) .....	265	2
Harry D. Linscott (E) .....	337	3	Willard F. Stearns (E) .....	232	1
Walter F. Livermore, Jr. (E) .....	228	1	Paul C. Stevens .....	193	—
William A. Ludlam .....	177	—	Hatherly A. Stoddard, Jr. (E) .....	225	1
James A. MacDuff, Jr. ....	194	—	Frank S. Stowell (E) .....	243	2
James R. Maddock .....	199	—	Thomas M. Sullivan .....	147	—
Joseph M. McCarron .....	183	—	B. Shapleigh Symonds (E) .....	206	1
John E. McCarthy .....	128	—	Irene T. Symonds .....	167	—
Hugh N. McDonald .....	181	—	John P. Thompson .....	185	—
Elsie M. Middlebrooke .....	183	—	Thomas B. Thurston (E) .....	205	1
Raymond P. Miller (E) .....	287	3	Ramona A. Welsh .....	147	—
Eugene S. Moreau .....	134	—	Blanks .....	17,261	

## Town Meeting Members for Precinct 5

David J. Abrahams (E) .....	243	1	Maxwell Field (E) .....	218	1
George J. Arroll .....	205	—	John H. Folger (E) .....	239	1
Thomas A. Bailey (E) .....	315	3	Philip M. Folger (E) .....	222	1
Bernard L. Baker .....	203	—	Leo Fox .....	145	—
Lois S. Baker .....	177	—	Edwin A. Fuller (E) .....	273	2
Glen W. Bartram (E) .....	269	2	Eustis B. Grimes (E) .....	280	2
C. Howard Black (E) .....	241	1	Walter V. Hatfield (E) .....	252	2
Israel Bloch (E) .....	306	3	Mary T. Heath (E) .....	354	3
Samuel J. Bloomberg .....	163	—	Ralph M. Henry .....	210	—
Dorothy M. Booma (E) .....	308	3	Roger N. Howes (E) .....	376	3
Roland C. Booma (E) .....	351	3	Michael M. Ingalls (E) .....	215	1
Madelyn Broadbridge .....	201	—	Ruth F. Jackson (E) .....	243	1
C. Glover Bowes (E) .....	278	2	Timothy F. Kane .....	154	—
James W. Buchanan (E) .....	319	3	Francis M. Kirkpatrick (E) .....	222	1
Charles F. Buckland .....	213	—	Marion B. Kirkpatrick .....	194	—
Louis C. Bufalino (E) .....	374	3	Joseph M. Kunkel .....	211	—
Joseph Cardillo (E) .....	245	2	Francis N. Lang (E) .....	256	2
Charles W. Carlyn .....	206	—	Linthall E. Leatherby (E) .....	233	1
Edward T. Chamberlain (E) .....	297	3	Edward D. Loveday (E) .....	304	3
Courtland E. Chase .....	201	—	Francis H. Maitland (E) .....	311	3
Robert F. Chick (E) .....	251	2	Louis J. Marino (E) .....	246	2
Adrian J. Comins .....	142	—	John J. Ma'tera (E) .....	262	2
Charles E. Connelly .....	206	—	Ralph S. Maxwell (E) .....	248	2
Edward D. Cook (E) .....	255	2	Bernard F. McDermott .....	188	—
Donald E. Costin (E) .....	367	3	John S. McKenney (E) .....	235	1
John P. Costin (E) .....	308	3	John F. McLaughlin .....	162	—
Kenneth V. Curtis (E) .....	266	2	Arthur W. Milburn .....	166	—
Arthur E. Dawes .....	180	—	Lester B. Morley (E) .....	305	3
Daniel E. Dichirico .....	165	—	Elihu N. Morse (E) .....	219	1
Vincent B. Easterbrooks (E) .....	294	2	June Morse (E) .....	260	2
Melvin J. Edinberg .....	141	—	Marion Doen Morse (E) .....	303	3
M. Virginia Fallon (E) .....	257	2	John J. O'Shea .....	199	—
Samuel S. Fallon (E) .....	297	3	William L. Quealy .....	152	—
Robert S. Feinburg .....	129	—	Ervin D. Remick, Jr. (E) .....	214	1



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## Town Meeting Members for Precinct 5 (Continued)

	Votes Cast	Term of Years		Votes Cast	Term of Years
William H. Rothwell, 2nd (E)	255	2	Harold P. Symmes (E)	247	1
Amos E. Russell (E)	338	3	Robert C. Thompson	208	—
James W. Santry, Jr. (E)	316	3	Ethel C. Varney (E)	239	1
Isadore L. Seidler	111	—	Harold J. Wehmann	103	—
Frank B. Semple	139	—	Donald S. Whidden (E)	226	1
Francis L. Smith (E)	239	1	Harold P. Willett (E)	282	2
Thomas W. Southward (E)	241	1	C. Wendall Wood (E)	243	1
George R. Sturtevant	162	—	Blanks	22,289	
Lillian V. Sylvester	192	—			

## Town Meeting Members for Precinct 6

Douglas F. Allen (E)	277	2	Forrest E. Mason, Jr. (E)	270	2
Dorothy K. Allison (E)	234	1	Henry R. Mayo, Jr. (E)	335	3
Richard G. Appel, Jr. (E)	216	1	William H. McCarthy, Jr. (E)	260	2
Bradlee M. Backman	196	—	Fred L. Mower (E)	305	3
Richard E. Blake (E)	252	1	Allen Myers	201	—
John H. Blodgett (E)	329	3	Arnold L. Nylander	150	—
Richard P. Breed (E)	345	3	Robert F. O'Neill (E)	320	3
Richard P. Breed, Jr. (E)	319	3	Francis J. Peralta, Jr.	137	—
Fred S. Brennan (E)	268	2	Theodore R. Porosky	158	—
William F. Bufalino (E)	286	2	Arnold S. Potter (E)	225	1
David W. Callahan	202	—	Charles G. Price (E)	256	2
Bernard F. Carey (E)	291	2	William W. Prichard (E)	269	2
William T. Carpenter (E)	322	3	E. Benjamin Redfield, Jr. (E)	375	3
Frederic P. Clark (E)	295	2	Arnold C. Reynolds (E)	240	1
Philip N. Clerke (E)	252	1	Joel W. Reynolds (E)	279	2
Nelson J. Darling, Jr. (E)	331	3	Harvey Rooks	195	—
Charles E. Donovan (E)	265	2	Albert N. Rothermel (E)	281	2
A. Bruce Durkee (E)	327	3	Theodore C. Sargent (E)	295	2
Charles M. Ewing (E)	216	1	Ezra V. Saul	147	—
Paul W. Fitzpatrick (E)	297	3	Theodore Scheft	179	—
Edward F. Flynn, Jr. (E)	252	1	Kenneth G. Sites (E)	242	1
Charles E. Hamann	159	—	A. Hall Stiles, Jr. (E)	277	2
Bruce Hamlin (E)	334	3	Crawford H. Stoker, Jr. (E)	336	3
George J. Harrington (E)	239	1	Owen J. Southwick (E)	216	1
George W. Howe (E)	303	3	George F. Vincent (E)	254	1
Stephen W. Howe (E)	284	2	Frank B. Wallis (E)	212	1
Robert U. Ingalls (E)	251	1	John S. Way (E)	310	3
Bertram C. Jacobs (E)	247	1	Kenneth T. White (E)	288	2
Harold A. Johnson (E)	242	1	Lillian I. White (E)	249	1
Richard B. Johnson (E)	277	2	Grace C. Whiteacre	186	—
Robert F. Kimball (E)	312	3	Ralph L. Williams (E)	286	2
Joseph Langmaid (E)	311	3	Robert I. Williams (E)	243	1
Laurence B. Leonard (E)	328	3	Blanks	20,225	

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Tuesday, March 24, 1953

Voted: That the reading of the records of the last meeting be omitted.

Voted: Article 2. The reports of the committees on Humphrey Street Parking and Revising Building By-Laws were read and accepted.

Voted: Article 3. To dispense with the reading of the report.

Voted: To continue the Committee on the investigation of a Public Works Department for further study and report to a later meeting.

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Voted: Article 4. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town accept the progress report of the Wage Committee and that said committee be continued in office for the purposes set forth in Article 42 of the Warrant of the 1952 Annual Town Meeting and that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated therefor.

Voted: Article 5. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue for the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Voted: Article 6. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town Moderator appoint a committee of seven, no one of whom shall be in the employ of the Town of Swampscott or serve as a member of any committee or board created by or performing work for the Town of Swampscott. Said committee is to be established for the purpose of employing competent, experienced and trained personnel to make a detailed study and report as to the physical condition of all existing public buildings, anticipating any and all necessary alterations, repairs, replacements, consolidation or consolidations of public building needs so that such building will substantially conform with so-called modern types thereof, considering necessity of acquisition of land if necessary and need, if any, for changes in existing zoning ordinances or other governing regulations, also considering any matter which may be desirable and necessary in relation to present and future public building needs.

Said Committee shall obtain and furnish itemized prices for all such anticipated necessary work, at present-day dollar values, together with a report of its findings and recommendations to be made at the next Annual Town Meeting. Voted to appropriate \$5,000.00 for these purposes.

Voted: Article 7. That an increase of \$200.00 be granted to all full time permanent employees, exclusive of the School Department and that the sum of \$27,800.00 be appropriated therefor, and that \$2,000.00 be transferred from Water Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Water Wages to provide this increase for the employees of the Water Department. For: 159, Against: 109.

Voted: Article 8. To refer back to the Finance Committee for revision.

Voted: Article 9. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended:

Selectmen (3)	
Chairman	\$ 750.00
Another Member	600.00
Another Member	600.00
Moderator	150.00
Town Clerk	1,132.45
Collector of Taxes	2,122.45

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Water and Sewerage Commissioners (3)	
Chairman .....	1,100.00
Another Member .....	440.00
Another Member .....	440.00
Assessors (3)	
Chairman .....	1,650.00
Another Member .....	550.00
Another Member .....	550.00
Treasurer .....	1,980.00
Board of Public Welfare (3)	
Chairman .....	165.00
Another Member .....	110.00
Another Member .....	110.00
Board of Health (3)	
Chairman .....	220.00
Another Member .....	165.00
Another Member .....	165.00
Surveyor of Highways .....	4,574.90
Constable (one of three) .....	100.00

Voted: Article 10. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Board of Assessors, the Board of Park Commissioners, and the Planning Board each to appoint a member of such Boards to act as Secretary thereof and that the salary of such incumbents be fixed at \$50.00 per year, as provided by Section 4A, Chapter 41, General Laws. The appropriations necessary to pay these salaries have been provided for in Article 8.

Voted: Article 11. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$12.80 to the Amount of Unpaid Bills for the purpose of settling all bills contracted prior to January 1, 1953 and remaining unpaid at the time of the closing of the Town's books for the year 1952, according to the records of the Town Accountant in conformity with the provisions of Section 64, Chapter 44, General Laws. The unpaid bills are as follows: Cemetery Dept. (Telephone) . . . \$12.80.

Voted: Article 12. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town transfer from the Excess and Deficiency Fund Account to the Current Revenue Account the sum of \$150,000.00, said sum to be used and applied by the Board of Assessors in reduction of the Tax levy for the year 1953.

Voted: Article 13. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate \$1,200.00 for the purposes of this Article.

Voted: Article 14. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate \$1,000.00 for the purposes of this Article.

Voted: Article 15. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for the purpose of this Article.

Voted: Article 16. That this Article be laid on the table.



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Voted: Article 17. That the Town adopt Plumbing By-Laws as printed in a pamphlet entitled, "Town of Swampscott, Massachusetts Plumbing By-Law Prepared for Submission to the 1953 Town Meeting for Approval, dated November, 1952," containing an index and fifty-two pages, copies of which have been mailed to all Town Meeting Members and have been posted in each precinct of the Town, and that upon the approval of the said Plumbing By-Laws by the Attorney General and posting a copy thereof in one or more public places in each precinct of the Town as provided by General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 32, all by-laws inconsistent therewith are hereby repealed. Unanimous.

Voted: Article 18. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed.

Voted: Article 19. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed.

Voted: Article 20. To accept the report of the Planning Board and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town amend the zoning by-laws of the Town of Swampscott so that the property on Paradise Road, also known as State Road, being Lot 76-A, Plate 14, Assessors Plans, and that portion of Lot 76, Plate 14, said Assessors Plans, which consists of the floor of the old quarry, so-called, as set forth on said Assessors Plans, except that part already zoned Business B-1 by action of the Annual Town Meeting of 1948, Article 38, may be changed from its present Residential zone to Business B-1. Unanimous.

Voted: Article 21. To accept the report of the Planning Board and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed.

Voted: Article 22. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Water & Sewer Board to lay water mains, not less than 6 inches in diameter, in Foster Road from MacArthur Circle to Windsor Avenue and on Windsor Avenue from Elwin Road to Nichols Street for a distance of 3,750 feet, more or less; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to purchase or to take by eminent domain, the easements necessary therefor, on condition that all abutters sign the necessary waivers; and that the sum of \$70,000.00 be appropriated therefor, to be raised as follows:

That \$10,000.00 be appropriated from the tax levy of the current year and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed the remainder; viz. \$60,000.00; and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor payable in accordance with the applicable provisions of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than fifteen years from the date of the issuance of the first bond or note or such earlier dates as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may determine. For: 219, Against: 22.

Voted: Article 23. To accept the report of the Planning Board and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town discontinue, and deed back to the respective abutters, that portion of Cedar Hill Terrace, formerly used as a turning circle for said Terrace, before Bay View Drive was developed, as shown on a plan drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, dated January, 1953. Unanimous.

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## RECOUNT OF VOTES

In accordance with petitions filed with the Town Clerk for a Recount of votes cast for Selectmen, Assessor and Town Meeting Members, Precinct 4, at the Town Election held Monday, March 16, 1953, said recount was held on Thursday morning, March 26, 1953, at 9:00 A.M. by the Board of Registrars assisted by the following tellers:

Harry Cahoon  
William Patten  
Doris Coletti  
Clementine L. Emery  
Helen Gillen  
Gladys E. Williams  
Sarah Conners  
Esther F. Philbin  
Pauline Duncan  
Caroline G. Carls

Lucille V. Duggan  
Bessie F. Maguire  
Doris Humphrey  
Gladys M. Rockwood  
Ida G. Ingalls  
Mary T. Heath  
Charles Cahoon  
James Wallis  
Frank Melvin  
John Cameron

### Selectmen

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Champion .....	389	311	287	304	311	335	1937
Drinkwater .....	270	139	122	93	104	57	785
Gallo .....	129	45	41	33	71	26	345
Hambrecht .....	29	63	32	22	27	16	189
Hempel .....	163	254	296	223	221	203	1360
Jaffee .....	101	165	189	121	192	254	1022
Morse .....	167	206	227	238	268	214	1320
L. O'Brien .....	102	84	79	41	56	29	391
V. O'Brien .....	248	311	271	342	333	295	1800
Pashby .....	177	241	151	185	111	140	1005
Russell .....	126	182	211	198	219	155	1091
Blanks .....	361	339	299	246	436	346	2027

	Original Vote	Recount Vote
Champion .....	1952	1937
Drinkwater .....	775	785
Gallo .....	350	345
Hambrecht .....	191	189
Hempel .....	1362	1360
Jaffee .....	1028	1022
Morse .....	1314	1320
L. O'Brien .....	383	391
V. O'Brien .....	1815	1800
Pashby .....	1022	1005
Russell .....	1107	1091
Blanks .....	1971	2027

### Assessor

Precinct	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Collins .....	259	267	248	198	209	241	1422
Fuller .....	214	194	203	190	221	175	1197
Murray .....	202	252	219	257	254	200	1384
Blanks .....	79	67	65	37	99	74	421

	Original Vote	Recount Vote
Collins .....	1423	1422
Fuller .....	1190	1197
Murray .....	1396	1384
Blanks .....	415	421

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## Town Meeting Members

### Precinct 4

	Original Vote	Recount Vote
George J. Burke .....	199	202
James R. Maddock (E) .....	199	206

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, March 31, 1953**

Voted: To dispense with the reading of Article 8.

Voted: That the sum of \$17,360.00 be replaced in the revised budget, to continue the cost of living bonus of \$140.00 for each full time permanent employee, and \$1,400.00 be transferred from Water Receipts Reserved for Appropriation to Wages, to replace the cost of living bonus in the Water Department. For: 133, Against: 115.

Voted: To make the following changes to the Water Department: Extra Labor, \$3,200.00; Expenses, \$8,505.00; Emergency Water, \$10,000.00; Pipe and Fittings, \$7,500.00. For: 120, Against: 101.

Voted: That the sum of \$169.63 be added to the Retirement Budget for Military Service Credit. Unanimous.

Voted: To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as amended above:

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

	Appropriations	Totals
Moderator		
Salary .....	150.00	150.00
Finance Committee		
Secretary .....	400.00	400.00
Expenses .....	100.00	100.00
Town Meeting .....	200.00	200.00
Selectmen		
Chairman .....	750.00	
Associates (2) .....	1,200.00	
Secretary .....	900.00	
Clerk .....	2,511.45	
Extra Clerical .....	100.00	5,461.45
Expenses .....	2,680.00	2,680.00
Town Accountant		
Accountant .....	4,413.57	
Clerk .....	2,511.45	
Clerk (half time) .....	1,255.73	
Extra Clerical .....	200.00	8,380.75
Expenses .....	648.00	648.00
Treasurer		
Treasurer .....	1,980.00	
Clerical (2) .....	2,400.00	
Extra Clerical .....	200.00	4,580.00
Expenses .....	2,325.00	2,325.00
Cert. of Notes and Bonds .....	25.00	25.00

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Collector of Taxes		
Collector .....	2,192.45	
Clerk .....	2,511.45	4,703.90
Expenses .....	3,300.00	3,300.00
Town Counsel		
Expenses .....	2,200.00	2,200.00
	300.00	300.00
Town Clerk		
Town Clerk .....	1,202.45	
Clerk .....	2,511.45	3,713.90
Vital Statistics .....	800.00	800.00
Expenses .....	925.00	925.00
Out of State Travel .....	350.00	350.00
Assessors		
Chairman .....	1,650.00	
Associates (2) .....	1,100.00	
Assistants .....	300.00	
Secretary .....	50.00	
Clerk .....	2,511.45	
Second Clerk .....	2,090.00	
Extra Clerical .....	70.00	7,771.45
Expenses .....	3,000.00	3,000.00
Elections and Registration		
Registrars (3) .....	700.00	
Election Officers .....	1,500.00	
Clerk .....	2,511.45	
Canvassers .....	450.00	5,161.45
Expenses .....	2,975.00	2,975.00
Engineering		
Engineer .....	5,540.00	
Assistant Engineer .....	4,740.00	
Transitman .....	3,740.00	
Rodman—Inspector .....	3,340.00	
Extra Help .....	6,200.00	23,560.00
Expenses .....	2,140.00	2,140.00
Administration Building		
Custodian .....	3,753.55	
Assistant Custodian .....	3,321.65	
Assistant Custodian .....	1,660.59	8,735.79
Expenses .....	2,250.00	2,250.00
Equipment Repairs .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Town Hall		
Assistant Custodian .....	1,660.60	1,660.60
Expenses .....	1,650.00	1,650.00
Planning Board		
Clerk .....	50.00	50.00
Expenses .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Board of Appeals		
Clerk .....	200.00	200.00
Expenses .....	400.00	400.00
Contributory Retirement		
Clerk .....	1,255.72	
Secretary .....	261.00	1,516.72
Expenses .....	1,115.00	1,115.00
Pension Accumulation Fund .....	27,363.00	27,363.00
Military Service Credit .....	169.63	169.63

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## PROTECTION OF LIFE AND PROPERTY

	Appropriations	Totals
<b>Police</b>		
Chief .....	4,818.90	
Captains (3) .....	13,410.60	
Patrolmen (20) .....	75,614.07	
Reserves and Specials .....	9,394.60	
Secretary .....	2,511.45	
Extra Clerical .....	100.00	105,849.62
Expenses .....	10,857.40	10,857.40
Uniforms .....	1,500.00	1,500.00
Mobile Radio System .....	972.16	972.16
State Training .....	300.00	300.00
Out of State Travel .....	500.00	500.00
<b>Fire</b>		
Chief .....	4,818.90	
Deputy Chief .....	4,470.20	
Captains (5) .....	20,613.00	
Regulars (25) .....	92,285.00	
Reserves .....	3,300.00	
Overtime .....	1,000.00	
Extra Labor .....	963.00	127,450.10
Expenses .....	9,930.00	9,930.00
Uniforms .....	1,330.00	1,330.00
Hydrant Rental .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Out of State Travel .....	150.00	150.00
<b>Civilian Defense</b>		
Director .....	1,533.00	
Clerical Assistance .....	200.00	1,733.00
Expenses .....	3,467.00	3,467.00
Forest Warden .....	100.00	100.00
<b>Constable</b> .....	100.00	100.00
<b>Sealer of Weights and Measures</b>		
Sealer .....	550.00	550.00
Expenses .....	325.00	325.00
<b>Inspector of Buildings</b>		
Inspector .....	2,200.00	
Assistant .....	330.00	2,530.00
Expenses .....	205.00	205.00
<b>Inspector of Wires</b>		
Inspector .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expenses .....	100.00	100.00
<b>Dog Officer</b>		
Officer .....	880.00	880.00
Expenses .....	400.00	400.00
<b>Insurance</b> .....	10,874.08	10,874.08

## HEALTH AND SANITATION

<b>Health Department</b>		
Board (3) .....	550.00	
Health Officer .....	3,511.06	
Nurse .....	2,851.16	
Secretary .....	2,511.45	
Extra Clerical .....	400.00	
Physicians .....	75.00	
Dentists .....	500.00	
Inspector of Animals .....	500.00	10,898.67
Expenses .....	7,660.00	7,660.00
Refuse and Garbage .....	39,995.00	39,995.00



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Sewer		
Commissioners (3)	495.00	
Superintendent	4,794.24	
One Man	3,601.28	
One Man	3,340.28	
Clerk	348.80	
Overtime	900.00	13,479.60
Expenses	4,850.00	4,850.00
Sewer Brooks	300.00	300.00
Particular Sewers	150.00	150.00
Emergency Sewers	500.00	500.00

## CEMETERY

Superintendent	4,232.32	
Labor (4)	13,359.44	
Extra Labor	800.00	
Extra Clerical	150.00	
Overtime	700.00	19,241.76
Expenses	3,535.00	3,535.00*
Lowering Device	360.00	360.00!
Lined Vaults	1,000.00	1,000.00†

\* Voted that \$740.00 be transferred from Cemetery Lots Fund for this item, and the balance be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

! Voted that \$360.00 be transferred from Cemetery Lots Fund for this item.

† Voted that \$1,000.00 be transferred from Cemetery Lots Fund for this item.

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Surveyor	4,714.90	
Clerk	240.00	
Laborers (26)	86,836.36	91,791.26
Expenses	24,000.00	24,000.00
Snow and Ice Wages	5,000.00	5,000.00
Expenses	3,300.00	3,300.00
Lighting Streets	35,878.00	35,878.00

## CHARITIES

Public Welfare		
Board Members	385.00	
Secretary	100.00	
Clerk	2,511.45	
Agent	572.00	3,568.45
Welfare Relief	18,000.00	18,000.00
Disability Assistance	10,000.00	10,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children		
Assistance by Town	8,000.00	8,000.00
Old Age Assistance		
Bureau Members	990.00	
Secretary	100.00	
Agent	3,156.44*	
Clerk	2,511.45*	
Social Workers	3,640.00*	10,397.89

\* Voted that \$2,500.00 of the Agent's salary and \$2,500.00 of the Social Worker's salary be taken out of Old Age Assistance U. S. Grant Administration Funds and that \$1,000.00 of the Clerk's salary be taken out of Aid to Dependent Children U. S. Grant Administration Funds.

Old Age Assistance	80,000.00	80,000.00
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Veterans' Services		
Director .....	1,320.00	
Typist .....	100.00	1,420.00
Expenses .....	550.00	550.00
Assistance .....	3,700.00	3,700.00
Equipment .....	50.00	50.00
Pensions		
Highway .....	6,078.00	
Fire .....	12,177.00	
Police .....	4,445.00	
Park .....	1,445.50	
Dog Officer .....	400.00	24,545.50
Workmen's Compensation		
Agent .....	50.00	50.00
Others .....	1,000.00	1,000.00

## SCHOOLS

Salaries and Expenses .....	605,185.00	605,185.00
Lunch Account .....	250.00	250.00
Out of State Travel .....	150.00	150.00
Library		
Librarian .....	4,265.63	
Child Librarian .....	3,049.26	
Reference Assistant .....	3,049.26	
Circulation Assistant .....	2,511.45	
Office Assistant .....	2,220.00	
Assistants per hour .....	1,700.00	
Janitor .....	3,270.00	
Sub-Janitor .....	100.00	20,165.60
Expenses .....	7,532.00	7,532.00

## RECREATION

Park		
Superintendent .....	4,714.90	
Regular Labor (11) .....	36,738.46	
Special Help .....	2,881.74	
Secretary .....	50.00	
Extra Labor .....	1,500.00	
Overtime .....	500.00	46,385.10
Expenses .....	13,160.00	13,160.00
Moth Control .....	5,000.00	5,000.00
Dutch Elm .....	3,000.00	3,000.00

## UNCLASSIFIED

Legion Lease .....	1,750.00	1,750.00
Town Reports .....	2,790.00	2,790.00
Reserve Fund .....	20,000.00	20,000.00*

Voted: \*That \$17,118.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Reserve and balance to be appropriated from the Tax Levy.

## ENTERPRISES

Water Department		
Commissioners (3) .....	1,485.00	
Superintendent .....	4,940.00	
Clerk .....	2,923.20	
Assistant Clerk .....	2,511.45	
Labor (1) .....	3,601.28	
Labor (6) .....	20,041.68	
Meters .....	1,599.60*	
Standby Pay .....	2,257.32	
Extra Labor .....	3,200.00	42,559.53

\*Voted: Not to exceed \$50.00 weekly per man.

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Expenses .....	8,505.00	8,505.00
Metropolitan Water Tax .....	21,000.00	21,000.00
Loan and Interest .....	8,240.00	8,240.00
Emergency Water .....	10,000.00	10,000.00
Pipe and Fittings .....	7,500.00	7,500.00
Truck .....	1,500.00	1,500.00

Voted: That the sum of \$77,304.53 be appropriated from the Water Department Receipts for the year 1953, and that the sum of \$22,000.00 be transferred from the Water Available Surplus Account to the Water Department for the following: Metropolitan Water Tax \$3,000.00; Emergency Water \$10,000.00; Pipe and Fittings \$7,500.00; Truck \$1,500.00.

(From Metropolitan Water Tax \$18,000.00 is from Water Department Receipts.)

## **DEBT SERVICE**

Interest		
General Debt Inside .....	10,401.25	10,401.25
General Debt Outside .....	11,235.00	11,235.00
Temporary Loans .....	1,300.00	1,300.00
Refunds .....	50.00	50.00
Bank Service Charges .....	30.00	30.00
Maturing Debt		
General Debt Inside .....	58,000.00	58,000.00
General Debt Outside .....	28,000.00	28,000.00

Voted: Article 24. That the Town accept Chapter 147, Section 17-A of the General Laws, as inserted by Chapter 268, Acts of 1952, which provides that police officers shall be given additional days off if required to work on certain days of the year, or shall be entitled to additional days' pay in lieu thereof.

Voted: Article 25. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$300.00 for the purpose of placing lights and other decorations on Humphrey Street during the 1953 Christmas Season under the authority of the Board of Selectmen.

Voted: Article 26. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town purchase an automobile to be used as a patrol car for the Police Department, authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade a 1950 DeSoto on account of the purchase price and that the sum of \$1,200.00 be appropriated for the purpose of this Article.

Voted: Article 27. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town carry on a sidewalk construction program under the provision of General Laws, Chapter 83, Section 25 & 26 and that the sum of \$5,000.00 be appropriated therefor.

Voted: Article 28. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$8,000.00 for the purpose of this Article.

Voted: Article 29. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed.

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Voted: Article 30. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town accept Brown Road from Atlantic Avenue to Longley Avenue as a public way as laid out by the Selectmen in accordance with the plans drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, on condition that all abutters sign the necessary waivers and that the sum of \$425.00 be appropriated therefor; and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to take by eminent domain a strip of land approximately twenty feet in length and forty feet wide located in the Southerly end of Brown Road, and that the sum of \$1.00 be appropriated for said taking. The Planning Board made their report and was accepted. Unanimous.

Voted: Article 31. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town accept Alden Road as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the plans drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, on condition that all abutters sign the necessary waivers and that the sum of \$800.00 be appropriated therefor. The Planning Board made their report and was accepted.

Voted: Article 32. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town accept Muriel Road as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the plans drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, on condition that all abutters sign the necessary waivers and that the sum of \$235.00 be appropriated therefor. The Planning Board made their report and was accepted.

Voted: Article 33. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town accept Pine Hill Road as a public way as laid out by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with the plans drawn by Howard L. Hamill, Town Engineer, on condition that all abutters sign the necessary waivers and that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated therefor. The Planning Board made their report and was accepted.

Voted: Article 34. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,225.00 for the purpose of this Article.

Voted: Article 35. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Board of Park Commissioners to purchase a power lawn mower and that the sum of \$1,100.00 be appropriated therefor.

Voted: Article 36. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of this Article.

Voted: Article 37. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00 for the purpose of this Article.

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Voted: Article 38. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$750.00 for the purpose of this Article.

Voted: Article 39. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Surveyor of Highways to purchase a three-ton truck and to sell or trade a 1940 White Truck on account of the purchase price and that the sum of \$5,600.00 be appropriated for the purpose of this Article.

Voted: Article 40. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town complete the resurfacing of Blodgett Avenue for a distance of 700 lin. feet and that the sum of \$3,500.00 be appropriated therefor.

Voted: Article 41. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to purchase a small portable compressor with accessories for the Cemetery Department and that the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated therefor by transfer of that sum from the Cemetery Lots Fund.

Voted: Article 42. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town repair the walls of the tomb and also the stone wall west of the Andrews Memorial Chapel at the Cemetery and that the sum of \$1,400.00 be appropriated therefor, by transfer of that sum from Cemetery Lots Fund.

Voted: Article 43. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate and study the methods and problems relative to maintaining departmental accounts with a view to standardization of departmental accounting, budget reports and budgets; and that the Committee make a report at the next Annual Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$200.00 be appropriated therefor.

Voted: Article 44. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town lay a drain from Bay View Drive to Cedar Hill Terrace through an easement now owned by the Town and that the sum of \$7,400.00 be appropriated therefor by transfer of part of the unexpended balance appropriated under Article 4 of the Warrant of the Special Town Meeting of December 4, 1951 and Article 17 of the Warrant for the 1952 Annual Town Meeting.

Voted: Article 45. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed.

Voted: Article 46. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed.



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Voted: Article 47. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Sewer Department be authorized to purchase a new pick-up truck and to sell or trade the present 1947 half-ton Chevrolet truck on account of the purchase price and that the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated therefor.

Voted: Article 48. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed. Planning Board made their report.

Voted: Article 49. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town accept Chapter 624 of the Acts of 1952 providing increases for certain pensioners and that the sum of \$1,200.00 be appropriated therefor.

Voted: Article 50. That no action be taken on this Article.

Voted: Article 51. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed. Planning Board made their report.

Voted: Article 52. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed. Planning Board made their report.

Voted: Article 53. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Town Moderator to appoint a committee to study this problem and report its findings to the next Annual Town Meeting.

Voted: Article 54. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to settle the land damage cases pending against the Town for the taking of land for Cemetery purposes as voted under Article 24 of the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting of 1952 and appropriate the sum of \$5,122.49 therefor.

Voted: Article 55. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to settle the case pending against the Town for the taking of land for the Stanley School addition and appropriate the sum of \$7,500.00 therefor, to be paid with \$20,000.00 from the Stanley School addition loan.

Voted: Article 56. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town appropriate the sum of \$231.65 to satisfy the outstanding 1950 Real Estate taxes on the property of Harold R. Fall taken by the Town for school purposes under Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting of May 16, 1950.

# *Town of Swampscott*

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Voted: Article 57. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or otherwise dispose of Real Estate now or hereafter owned by the Town and acquired through foreclosure, for non-payment of taxes or purchased under General Laws (Ter. Ed.), Chapter 60, as amended.

Voted: Article 58. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That the Town transfer to the Excess and Deficiency Account the following unexpended balances as shown on the Town Accountants books as of December 31, 1952:

1. Engineer Auto .....	\$ 62.50
2. Police Car .....	151.25
3. Police Ambulance .....	25.00
4. Engine House .....	3.59
5. Draft Posts .....	2.93
6. Fire Boiler .....	1,958.31
7. Fire House .....	498.18
8. Fire Auto .....	39.49
9. Fisherman's Beach Culvert .....	39.61
10. Stand Pipe Road .....	1.00
11. Curb Stones .....	19.73
12. Eureka Avenue .....	173.47
13. Linden Avenue .....	1,052.44
14. Brewster Terrace .....	614.79
15. Bates Road .....	77.05
16. Fish House Repairs .....	1,002.94
17. Phillips Park .....	.40
18. Foster Pond Fence .....	50.40

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Total .....	\$5,773.24
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Voted: Article 59. To accept the report of the Finance Committee and adopt their recommendations as follows:

That action on this Article be indefinitely postponed.

## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 21, 1953**

The Town Meeting Members were called to order by the Moderator, C. Frank Hathaway at 8:09 P.M. There being no quorum present, it was voted to adjourn to Tuesday, July 28, 1953 at 7:45 P.M.

## **ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

**Tuesday, July 28, 1953**

Voted: Article 1. That the Town declare that a substantial shortage of rental housing accommodations exists in the Town of Swampscott and that the control of rents therein is necessary in the public interest. and that the Town of Swampscott accept the provision of Chapter 434 of the Acts of 1953 entitled "An Act Relative to Rent Control."

# 1953 Annual Report

## Board of Assessors

JOHN A. HOLMES, *Chairman* ERNEST MANCHIN, *Secretary* THOMAS F. COLLINS

The Board of Assessors submit all figures used by them to determine the Tax Rate for 1953: \$48.00 per thousand.

### VALUATIONS

Real Estate .....	28,200,650.00	
Personal .....	1,592,975.00	
Total .....		\$29,793,625.00

### APPROPRIATIONS AND ASSESSMENTS

State .....	\$ 45,367.39	
County .....	106,364.69	
Town .....	1,946,968.10	
Total .....		\$ 2,098,700.18

### ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Taxation on Property and Polls .....	\$ 1,437,787.60	
Taxation on Motor Vehicles .....	118,000.00	
Receipts from State .....	174,786.66	
Receipts from County .....	6,703.39	
Receipts from Town .....	149,904.53	
Available Funds .....	211,518.00	
Total .....		\$ 2,098,700.18

### TABLE OF AGGREGATES

Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations Assessed .....	3696
Number of Polls Assessed .....	4034
Number of Acres Assessed .....	1675
Number of Dwellings Assessed .....	3185
Value of Land .....	\$ 7,058,918.00
Value of Buildings .....	21,141,732.00
Value of Personal Property .....	1,592,975.00
Motor Vehicles and Trailors (not figured in the Tax Rate)	
Number of Cars .....	5967
Valuation .....	\$ 3,871,450.00
Excise Tax Assessed .....	157,924.31

## Contributory Retirement System

JOHN G. MCLEARN, *Chairman*

HAROLD R. AUSTIN

I. MURRAY ADAMS, *Secretary*

Membership has increased to 153 members compared with 141 in 1952. There are now 23 pensioners; in 1952 there were 19. Assets of the system have increased from \$185,000.00 in 1952 to \$220,000.00 for the current year.

Pension payments for 1953 were \$30,542.20; in 1952, \$25,903.00; of this amount \$4,932.00 is paid to widows whose husbands were killed on active duty.

On file at this office is a financial statement which may be examined by members.

## Town Accountant

I. MURRAY ADAMS, *Accountant*

The building of new homes results in increased revenue each year, but each additional home means added expenses, consequently expenditures continue to grow. A study is now being made of municipal buildings needs. When this is completed it will be possible to determine what the outlay will be over a period of years for capital expenditure. Several committees are now at work in an effort to properly analyze and classify expenditures, so that figures may be presented in more readily understandable form. These efforts should ultimately result in methods and reports which will aid the taxpayer in understanding his town government.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 61, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, the following report is submitted. It is arranged in accordance with the rules prescribed by the Director of Accounts. A detailed report of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending December 31, 1953 is available at this office.

## Where the Money Came From

	1952	1953
CASH ON HAND JANUARY 1 .....	\$ 522,083.37	\$ 451,279.02
GENERAL REVENUE:		
Swampscott Taxes		
Poll .....	6,784.00	6,662.00
Personal .....	71,363.22	73,890.85
Real Estate .....	1,261,137.53	1,349,785.89
Chapter 59 Section 5A .....	200.00	649.80
Tax Title Redemption .....	3,255.35	8,409.10
Housing Authority .....	1,234.67	836.61
Total Taxes .....	1,343,974.77	1,440,234.25
From State:		
Corporation Tax .....	126,465.63	92,426.25
Income Tax .....	86,026.38	78,701.53
Meal Tax .....	4,864.36	2,898.28
Schools .....	1,000.00	29,702.55
Total from State .....	218,356.37	203,728.61
Special Assessments:		
Motor Excise .....	129,539.39	138,285.27
Sewer .....	4,090.44	14,175.61
Sidewalk .....	1,789.66	1,457.31
Total Special Assessments .....	135,419.49	153,918.19
Court Fines .....	49.00	66.00
Permits and Licenses (Inc. Theatre) ....	4,986.50	6,811.50
Total Fines and Permits .....	5,035.50	6,877.50
Grants and Gifts:		
Chapter 90 State and County .....	13,650.31	619.96
County Refund Dog Licenses .....	1,001.05	900.73
Federal Government:		
Aid Dependent Children .....	5,076.50	7,485.11
Old Age Assistance .....	55,304.68	64,784.18
Disability Assistance .....	1,572.50	3,906.04
Total Grants and Gifts .....	76,605.04	77,696.02

## WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM – Continued

### DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS:

Treasurer .....		8.70
Town Hall .....	285.52	360.00
Board of Appeals .....	185.00	135.00
Planning Board .....		5.00
Police .....	101.60	118.10
Building Inspector .....	213.00	285.00
Wire Inspector .....	407.25	303.75
Civilian Defense .....		261.00
Scaler Weights and Measures .....	221.00	182.00
Health .....	1,189.43	418.64
Plumbing Inspector .....	773.00	1,548.00
Sewer .....	216.30	30.00
Telephone .....	170.62	223.22
Public Welfare .....	7,942.08	3,928.66
Old Age Assistance (Cities and Towns) .....		4,684.55
Old Age Assistance (State) .....	55,353.32	55,335.21
Disability Assistance .....	1,404.70	4,047.88
Old Age Assistance Recovery .....	500.00	2,721.00
Veterans' Services .....	982.21	1,264.29
Aid Dependent Children .....		3,896.45
School Tuition .....	1,026.73	1,796.19
Vocational Training .....		839.36
Lunch .....	30,680.98	36,709.23
Athletic Fund .....	8,267.45	5,662.67
Miscellaneous .....	673.21	508.03
Library .....	1,543.40	1,569.87
Park .....	959.87	706.20
Centennial .....	694.00	3.00
Sale of Property .....	613.53	
Claims .....		29.21
Tailings .....	95.77	
Total Departmental Receipts .....	114,499.97	127,580.21

### MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Temporary Loans .....	275,000.00	
Bond Issues .....		
School .....		560,000.00
Drains .....	90,000.00	
Bond Premiums .....	380.50	1,674.40
Bond Interest .....		653.33
Total Municipal Indebtedness .....	365,380.50	562,327.73

### INTEREST:

Taxes .....	1,182.72	1,214.35
Excise .....	90.60	66.88
Tax Titles .....	187.11	624.77
Committed Interest .....	650.30	609.53
Total Interest .....	2,110.73	2,515.53
Tax Title Costs .....	118.25	161.50
Fees .....		12.00
Total Tax Title and Fees .....	118.25	173.50

### TRUST FUNDS:

Library .....	216.54	226.92
Phillips Medal .....	5,140.13	130.04
Cemetery .....	69.44	148.73
Total Trust Funds .....	5,426.11	505.69



## WHERE THE MONEY CAME FROM — Continued

### ENTERPRISES AND AGENCY:

Cemetery		
Sale of Lots .....	3,019.00	6,335.00
Care of Lots .....	100.00	
Fees .....	2,271.50	4,182.47
Recording Fees .....		31.00
Water		
Rates .....	68,812.97	80,684.20
Rents .....	1,375.00	1,500.00
Services .....	12,874.18	11,776.74
Liens .....	2,690.76	3,022.49
Interest .....	108.40	
Total Enterprises and Agency .....	91,251.81	107,531.90
Withholding Tax .....	113,513.85	149,221.91
Dog Licenses .....	1,196.40	1,309.60
Insurance Fund .....	11,952.08	
Refunds .....	1,417.61	11,133.66
Total .....	\$3,008,341.85	\$3,296,033.32

## Where the Money Went

	1952	1953
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT:</b>		
Moderator .....	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Town Meeting .....	200.00	199.62
Finance Committee —		
Wages and Expenses .....	726.88	725.26
Selectmen — Wages and Expenses .....	8,552.68	7,644.73
Accounting — Wages and Expenses .....	9,464.03	9,482.43
Treasurer — Wages and Expenses .....	6,740.81	7,099.24
Tax Title Foreclosure .....	786.00	850.00
Certification .....	12.00	
Collector of Taxes —		
Wages and Expenses .....	8,082.99	8,403.70
Town Clerk — Wages and Expenses .....	4,478.77	5,638.86
Town Clerk Travel .....	350.00	400.00
Law .....	3,751.36	2,834.59
Election and Registration —		
Wages and Expenses .....	12,420.20	7,925.39
Assessors — Wages and Expenses .....	8,617.34	10,842.31
Engineering — Wages and Expenses .....	22,196.98	25,193.15
Engineering Auto .....	1,537.40	
Administration Building —		
Wages and Expenses .....	11,807.89	12,508.41
Town Hall — Wages and Expenses .....	4,667.99	3,546.20
Planning Board—Wages and Expenses .....	1,199.67	501.95
Board of Appeals —		
Wages and Expenses .....	566.59	490.41
Contributory Retirement .....	17,863.27	30,164.35
Total General Government .....	124,172.85	134,600.60

### PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

Police — Wages and Expenses .....	110,082.34	122,287.42
Uniforms .....	1,482.15	1,366.25
Radio .....	972.16	958.16
Travel .....	400.00	388.16
Car .....	1,048.75	1,200.00
School .....	100.00	200.00
Ambulance .....	150.00	
Total Police Department .....	114,235.40	126,399.99

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

Fire — Wages and Expenses .....	132,500.46	142,069.50
Travel .....	144.90	145.63
Uniforms .....	984.90	1,249.75
Hydrant Rental .....	1,000.00	1,000.00
Phillips Beach Engine House .....	35.97	
Fire Wall .....	300.00	
Draft Posts .....	245.19	
Boiler .....	41.69	
House Repairs .....	2,011.85	
Car .....	960.51	
Total Fire Department .....	\$ 138,225.47	\$ 144,464.88
Forest Warden .....	92.16	94.00
Building Inspector —		
Wages and Expenses .....	2,726.33	2,689.62
Sealer of Weights and Measures —		
Wages and Expenses .....	865.00	875.00
Civilian Defense —		
Wages and Expenses .....	5,432.06	5,686.03
Dog Officer .....	1,279.07	1,218.32
Constable .....	100.00	100.00
Insurance .....	13,000.00	8,062.07
Wire Inspector—Wages and Expenses .....	1,098.30	1,175.00
Total Miscellaneous Protection .....	24,592.92	19,900.04
<b>HEALTH AND SANITATION</b>		
Health — Wages and Expenses .....	17,354.01	18,653.10
Refuse and Garbage .....	29,640.00	39,995.00
Total Health .....	\$ 46,994.01	\$ 58,648.10
Sewer — Wages and Expenses .....	17,443.16	18,686.68
Brooks .....	49.30	43.44
Emergency Sewer .....	660.20	622.50
Particular Sewer .....	148.65	100.42
Puritan Road Sewer .....	8,247.92	11,292.26
Fishermans Beach Culvert .....	2,252.22	
New Sewers .....	19,476.66	
New Ocean House Drain .....	66,174.66	23,311.85
Alden Road Drain .....	235.90	3,260.00
Sewer Truck .....		25.62
Bay View Drive Drain .....		5,439.34
Humphrey Street Drain .....		3,759.76
Kings Beach Terrace Drain .....		650.00
Drains and Catch Basins .....		1,713.07
Total Sewer .....	114,688.67	68,904.94
<b>HIGHWAYS</b>		
Highway — Wages and Expenses .....	118,706.08	116,661.24
Snow and Ice .....	2,256.12	5,594.05
Lighting Streets .....	34,440.64	34,965.79
Chapter 90 .....	18,800.84	114.66
Blodgett Avenue .....	3,450.68	2,610.67
Sidewalks .....	1,962.20	9,427.11
Highway Shovel .....	4,300.00	
Curb Stones .....	410.27	
Reid Terrace .....	183.60	
Eureka Avenue .....	326.53	
Deer Cove Road .....	300.00	
Linden Avenue .....	697.56	
Stanley Road .....	1,127.67	21.56
Nason and Laurel Road .....	567.47	124.62
Lewis Road and Brewster Terrace .....	986.24	212.69

## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

Bates Road .....	422.95	
Allen Road Drain .....	1,709.91	
Dale Street .....		111.73
Brown Road Acceptance .....		274.34
Muriel Road .....		208.60
Pine Hill Road .....		870.54
Truck .....		5,680.00
Total Highway .....	190,648.76	176,877.60
<b>CHARITIES AND VETERANS' SERVICES</b>		
Welfare—Wages, Expenses and Others .....	20,213.40	15,824.34
Disability Assistance .....	5,145.00	6,865.54
Old Age Assistance—Wages and Expenses .....	68,392.86	84,997.89
U. S. Grant — Old Age Assistance		
Administration and Expenses .....	74,692.80	61,139.48
U. S. Grant — Aid to Dependent		
Children — Expenses .....	3,155.20	5,497.81
U. S. Grant — Disability —		
Wages and Expenses .....	111.38	565.58
Aid to Dependent Children .....	7,986.46	8,000.00
Veterans' Services—Wages, Expenses		
Equipment .....	4,719.32	4,304.53
Total Charities .....	184,416.42	187,195.17
Pensions .....	25,465.26	29,925.73
Workmen's Compensation .....	161.00	1,400.00
Total Pensions and Compensation .....	25,626.26	31,325.73
<b>SCHOOLS AND LIBRARY:</b>		
Schools — Wages and Expenses .....	535,591.72	605,132.62
Travel .....		150.00
Repairs .....	2,482.01	
Lunch .....	31,578.30	35,682.94
Athletic .....	6,381.24	5,582.14
Clarke School .....	146,122.17	2,223.64
Stanley School .....	9,485.35	328,322.76
Total Schools .....	731,640.79	977,094.10
<b>LIBRARY:</b>		
Library — Wages and Expenses .....	28,599.02	28,630.71
Morse Fund .....	141.25	152.93
Thomson Fund .....	28.57	29.95
Whittle Fund .....	117.33	59.84
Total Library .....	28,886.17	28,873.43
<b>RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:</b>		
Park — Wages and Expenses .....	59,993.94	62,466.96
Recreation .....	2,996.22	2,989.73
Dutch Elm .....	2,999.65	2,986.54
Park Roller .....	1,800.00	
Fish House Repairs .....	2,497.06	
Parking Area .....	114.91	
Park Truck .....	3,000.00	
Play Area .....	999.60	
Moth .....	5,000.00	4,969.69
Park Repairs .....		1,136.43
Park Mower .....		1,100.00
Seed, Loam Fertilizer .....		1,999.85
Park Fences .....		716.00
Total Park .....	79,401.38	78,365.20

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## WHERE THE MONEY WENT — Continued

Unclassified:		
Town Reports .....	2,225.92	2,489.97
Legion Lease .....	1,750.00	1,750.00
Fourth of July .....	1,175.62	1,188.09
Memorial Day .....	999.85	1,000.00
Armistice Day .....	198.49	198.76
Centennial Committee .....	16,497.04	300.69
Christmas Decorations .....	300.00	300.00
Unpaid Bills .....	574.24	12.80
Pension Article 49 .....	1,200.00	
Pension Article 50 .....	1,200.00	
Ellen Realty Co. ....	236.00	
Public Works Study .....	54.50	
H. R. Fall Account .....		231.65
Wage Committee .....		20.00
Public Building Committee .....		2,000.00
Rent Control .....		602.66
Warrants Payable .....	2,677.39	3,169.72
Wage Increase .....		100.00
Pension Increase .....		524.86
Total Unclassified .....	29,089.05	13,889.20
<b>ENTERPRISES AND CEMETERY</b>		
Water — Wages and Expenses .....	42,945.81	48,028.57
Emergency .....	7,542.02	4,233.64
Pipes-Fittings .....	7,425.97	5,191.41
Metropolitan Water .....	14,901.72	20,776.84
Mains .....	3,072.42	1,205.73
Truck .....		25.63
Foster Dam Main .....		1,168.20
Total Water .....	75,887.94	80,630.02
Cemetery — Wages and Expenses .....	22,290.69	24,141.15
Vaults .....	718.65	740.00
Repairs .....	271.24	7.49
Land Taking .....		5,124.49
Lowering Device .....		352.80
Compressor .....		1,500.00
Wall Repairs .....		980.25
Total Cemetery .....	23,280.58	32,846.18
<b>INTEREST, MATURING DEBT AND AGENCY</b>		
Interest .....	18,391.20	21,683.75
Maturing Debt .....	359,590.00	89,505.91
County Tax .....	76,502.56	77,421.74
Agency:		
Dog Licenses .....	1,182.00	1,299.40
Withholding Tax .....	113,503.85	136,832.71
Tuberculosis Hospital .....	23,327.07	24,191.97
Phillips Medal Fund .....	69.40	65.02
Cemetery Trust .....		12.51
Stocker Fund .....		12.57
Cemetery Recording Fees .....		40.00
State Assessments .....	23,268.50	25,004.23
Total Agency .....	161,350.82	187,458.41
<b>REFUNDS:</b>		
Refunds .....	8,002.20	10,286.18
Phillips Medal Adjustment .....		.04
Refunds Deducted from Expenditures .....	1,433.60	23,512.69
Tailings .....	5.78	
Total Refunds .....	9,441.58	33,798.91
Total Expenditures for Year .....	2,557,062.83	2,569,883.90
Cash on Hand, December 31 .....	451,279.02	726,149.42
Total .....	\$3,008,341.85	\$3,296,033.32

# Town of Swampscott

## Balance as of December 31, 1953

Cash .....	726,149.43	
Petty Cash .....	250.00	
Warrants Payable 1954 .....		1,647.45
1951 Personal .....	220.00	
1952 Poll .....	142.00	
1952 Personal .....	282.00	
1952 Real Estate .....	380.46	
1953 Poll .....	440.00	
1953 Personal .....	1,106.40	
1953 Real Estate .....	40,829.12	
1952 Motor Excise .....	388.20	
1953 Motor Excise .....	3,131.67	
Unapportioned Sewer .....	7,182.68	
Unapportioned Sidewalks .....	580.31	
1953 Committed Interest .....	15.25	
Tax Titles .....	9,977.51	
Tax Possession .....	2,340.66	
A/R Estate of Deceased Persons .....	2,629.99	
Health .....	1,157.00	
Public Welfare .....	468.03	
Disability Assistance .....		32.64
Aid Dependent Children .....	1,499.23	
Old Age Assistance (Cities-Towns) .....	934.39	
Veterans' Services .....	106.00	
Schools .....	204.88	
Parks .....	507.80	
Old Age Recovery .....		754.25
Sewer .....	700.00	
Water Rates .....	5,386.91	
Water Services .....	1,743.54	
Water Liens added to 1953 .....	632.98	
Water Interest .....	225.33	
Water Miscellaneous .....	165.00	
1951 Overlay .....		220.00
1952 Overlay .....		804.46
1953 Overlay .....		36,989.51
Overlay Reserve .....		43,508.65
Cemetery Sale of Lots .....		4,149.00
Cemetery Fees .....		2,258.47
Cemetery Receipts Reserved Appropriation .....		4,489.50
Cemetery Recording Fees .....		2.00
Reserve for Petty Cash .....		250.00
Water Available Surplus .....		53,573.65
Phillips Medal .....		65.02
Insurance Fund .....		147.55
Cemetery Funds .....		8.13
Joanna Morse Fund .....		.08
Mary L. Thomson Fund .....		.67
Ellen R. Whittle Fund .....		.46
State and Highway A/R .....	13,542.42	
State and Highway Reserve .....		13,542.42
Amount Brought Forward .....	823,319.18	162,443.91



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## BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953—Continued

Amount carried forward .....	823,319.18	162,443.91
State Reservations 1953 .....		717.51
T. B. Hospital 1953 .....		745.78
County Tax 1953 .....		1,889.97
Boston Arena .....	2,265.25	
Dog Licenses Due County .....		24.60
Withholding Tax .....	18.25	
Tailings .....		126.62
Excise Revenue .....		3,519.87
Special Assessment Revenue .....		7,778.24
Tax Title Revenue .....		9,977.51
Tax Possession Revenue .....		2,340.66
Departmental Revenue .....		5,660.97
Water Revenue .....		8,153.76
Estate Deceased Persons Revenue .....		2,629.99
Surplus Revenue .....		257,039.42
Town Hall Repairs .....		1,757.95
Civil Defense Others .....		680.38
Drains and Basins .....		2,811.93
Puritan Road Sewer .....		7,459.82
State Road Sewer .....		7,000.00
New Ocean House Drain .....		7,313.49
Alden Road Drain .....	3,495.90	
Sewer Truck .....		1,474.38
Bay View Drive Drain .....		1,960.66
Humphrey Street Drain .....	3,759.76	
Chapter #90 .....		22,919.50
Blodgett Avenue .....		938.65
Sidewalks 1953 .....		3,635.95
Dale Street .....		188.27
Stanley Road .....		850.77
Nason and Laurel Roads .....		1,707.91
Lewis Road .....		386.28
Allen Road Drain .....		4,290.09
Brown Road Acceptance .....		151.66
Alden Road Acceptance .....		800.00
Muriel Road Acceptance .....		26.40
Pine Hill Road Acceptance .....		129.46
U. S. Grant Disability Assistance Adm. ....		783.62
U. S. Grant Disability Assistance .....		4,017.96
U. S. Grant Old Age Assistance Adm. ....		4,389.82
U. S. Grant Old Age Assistance .....		9,837.64
U. S. Grant Aid Dependent Children Adm. ....		1,125.86
U. S. Grant Aid Dependent Children Asst. ....		3,569.91
School Repairs .....		259.85
School Lunch .....		3,965.00
Athletic Account .....		1,988.52
Clarke School .....		108.53
Stanley School .....		249,691.89
Park Repairs .....		88.57
Seed Loan .....		.15
Fences .....		34.00
Amount brought forward .....	\$ 832,858.34	\$ 809,393.68











## BALANCE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953—Continued

Amount carried forward .....	\$ 832,858.31	\$ 809,393.63
Real Estate Disposal .....		219.25
Humphrey Land Damage .....		1.00
Fisherman Land Court .....		143.87
Walker Road Eminent Domain .....		1.00
Centennial .....		375.41
Building By-Laws .....		50.00
By-Laws .....		700.00
Public Works .....		150.00
Wage Committee .....		480.00
Public Buildings .....		3,000.00
Departmental Accounts .....		200.00
Rent Control .....	602.66	
Water Mains .....		3,532.60
Water Trucks .....		1,474.37
Foster Dam Mains .....		8,831.80
Cemetery Wall Repair .....		419.75
Cemetery Lowering Device .....		7.20
Bond Premiums .....		4,481.07
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	\$ 833,461.00	\$ 833,461.00

## Building Inspector

RAYMOND O. DOANE, *Building Inspector*

Building Permits	Shingling Permits	Estimated Cost	Elevator Operators' Licenses
179	68	\$1,309,475.00	10

There were 236 building inspections and 68 shingling inspections made. A total of \$250.00 was received and turned over to the Town Collector. Returns of hotel and elevator inspections have been made to the State. Complaints of violations of the building laws have been investigated and in all cases adjustments made.

## Rent Control Board

WILLIAM H. MCINTYRE, *Chairman*

SPENCER E. OLSON, *Secretary*

JOHN R. COOPER

LOUIS A. HERSHMAN

EVERETT C. HOWE

The Rent Control Board was organized in August 1953 to administer the Rent Control law voted by the Special Town Meeting held in July.

The Board has met periodically, holding a total of ten meetings, and has engaged Mrs. Phyllis Doane, on a part-time basis, to conduct the day-to-day business of the Board. A total of thirty-seven petitions have been considered: twenty-four requests for increases in rent were granted; twelve requests for increases were denied; and in one case the maximum rent was adjusted.

The cost of administering the Rent Control law for the five months it has been in effect was \$602.66, 40% of which is reimbursed by the State.

## Treasurer's Report

ROBERT G. BYRNE, *Treasurer*

In account with the Town of Swampscott for the year ended December 31, 1953.

Balance on hand, January 1, 1953 .....	\$ 502,508.38
Receipts and Income from all sources .....	\$ 2,836,654.88
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	\$ 3,339,163.26
Less Warrants Paid .....	\$ 2,621,171.32
Balance on hand, December 31, 1953 .....	\$ 717,991.94

### STATEMENT

INDICATING BORROWING CAPACITY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1953

Valuation 1951, Less Abatements .....	\$30,188,573.00
Valuation 1952, Less Abatements .....	31,458,586.00
Valuation 1953, Less Abatements .....	33,085,880.00
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Total Valuation .....	\$94,733,039.00
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Average Valuation .....	\$31,577,679.66
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Five Per Cent (5%) of Average Valuation .....	\$ 1,578,883.98
Less Outstanding Debt	
Issued Inside Debt Limit .....	\$ 1,061,000.00
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Borrowing Capacity as of Dec. 31, 1953 .....	\$ 517,883.98

### TRUST FUNDS

The following is a list of Trust Funds held by the Town Treasurer as Custodian of all Funds and Securities as provided for by Chapter 282 of the General Acts of 1915 indicating balances as of December 31, 1953:

Phillips Medal Fund .....	\$2,551.66
Joanna Morse Library Fund .....	5,196.00
Ellen R. Whittle Library Fund .....	2,000.00
Mary L. Thomson Library Fund .....	1,000.00
Cemetery Gifts & Bequeaths Fund .....	5,330.85
Perpetual Care of Cemetery Fund .....	5,601.14
Emma Y. Stocker Cemetery Fund .....	508.89
Hattie F. Sherman Cemetery Fund .....	500.00
Manuel Ross Scholarship Fund .....	334.32
*High School Alumni Fund .....	4,503.96

\*This is not a Trust Fund as defined by law but is held by the Town Treasurer in behalf of the Alumni Fund Committee.



## Engineering Department

HOWARD L. HAMILL, *Town Engineer*

Engineering services included surveys, computations, record plans, assessment quantities, cost estimates, designs for construction projects, contract drawings, specifications, assignment of house numbers, description of properties and easements. The furnishing of information and engineering data to private engineers, surveyors, attorneys and other persons requesting the same.

The apportionment of these engineering services is shown as follows:

Department	Man Hours	%	Department	Man Hours	%
Sewer .....	2843½	24.15	Town Counsel .....	67	.57
Water .....	1967	16.70	Planning Board ....	41	.35
*Engineering .....	1888½	16.04	Police .....	37	.31
Private Citizens .....	1174	9.97	Town Accountant ....	23	.19
Selectmen .....	1105	9.38	Town Clerk .....	16	.14
Highway .....	1090½	9.26	Welfare .....	4	.03
Assessors .....	879	7.46	Cemetery .....	4	.03
School .....	290	2.46	Fire .....	3	.03
Park .....	122½	1.04	Veterans' Housing ..	3	.03
Finance .....	114	.97	Building Inspector ..	2	.02
Health .....	102	.87	TOTALS .....	11776	100.00

\*Includes administration, clerical work, etc.

### Sewer Connection Ties

In the past, if a sewer connection became obstructed, the only data for locating the same was in the Engineering Department records. These records were in the many books used for construction of the Town Sewerage System, dating back to "1903". In many cases an emergency existed and much time was wasted in searching records for data on connections.

When the Engineering Department was closed on week-ends and the Superintendent of Sewers had an obstruction in a connection, although he was able to search the records, in many cases he would have to wait until Monday to be sure the data he had taken was correct.

We are now, after about two years of research and surveys, set up with a new system of sewer ties. These ties for each parcel of property connected to the system are shown on an individual sheet and all sheets are assembled in loose leaf book form, alphabetically by street names. The master sheets are now part of the Engineering Department records, with a second set of these records at the Sewerage Station.

I would like to thank Mr. Frank Melvin, former Superintendent of Sewers and Mr. Albert Enholm, the present Superintendent, for their cooperation in setting up this new system, which I am sure will be an aid to better service to the citizens of the town.

The personnel of this department is the same as that of the previous year. The department still needs an Engineering Draftsman, but to obtain the same a higher rate of compensation must be paid. If the Town Warrant for "1954" construction work is passed by the Town Meeting as proposed, extra help will be necessary to complete the same.

In closing, I wish to thank all the various departments for their cooperation during the past year.

## The Planning Board

HAROLD M. KING, *Chairman*

JAMES R. MADDOCK, *Secretary*

GORDON L. BROWN

ALEXANDER B. WAY, JR.

RALPH L. WILLIAMS

The Planning Board held seventeen regular meetings in 1953. In addition, the Board has been represented at numerous meetings of Local, Regional, State and National Planning Board Groups.

The Board held three public hearings on subdivisions and one on questions of changes in Zoning by-law and changes of street lines. It also considered and approved ten changes in lot lines and divisions of lots that did not require public hearings.

The Board has conferred with the School Board, the Board of Health, the Water and Sewerage Board, the Selectmen, the Board of Appeals and the Town Engineer at various times and has worked in co-operation in all matters of common interest.

The Board with the Town Engineer inspected the private ways that the Town was requested to accept and recommended that four of them be accepted.

Work has been started to bring the Land Use and Zoning maps up to date and should be completed early in 1954.

The Board again recommends an immediate beginning of a study of the sewer and drainage needs in the area bounded by Puritan Road, Atlantic Ave. and the Ocean. It has submitted an article for the town meeting warrant of 1954 calling for the start of this study.

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## Cemetery Department

ARTHUR E. HARDY, *Superintendent*

The total interments for the year were 100.

All receipts for funerals, foundations and sale of lots were paid to the Town Treasurer.

Tombs have been repaired and west wall by the chapel has been rebuilt.

The passing of Charles Sellman in April after nineteen years of faithful service to the town was deeply regretted by his fellow employees.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Theodore Cooke of the Lynn Sand & Stone for his gift of all the peastone used by the Cemetery Department.

To the Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, the men of my department and all other departments and their personnel who have co-operated with me during the past year, I wish to express my sincere thanks.

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## **Water Department**

HAROLD C. HUDSON, *Chairman*

GEORGE B. ATKINS

ALFRED N. FRAZIER

CHESTER E. BRADLEY, *Superintendent*

We respectfully submit our annual report of the activities of the Water Department for the year ending December 31, 1953.

### SERVICES:

- 70 new services have been installed
- 17 services renewed completely
- 8 services renewed from main to sidewalk
- 6 services renewed from sidewalk to meter
- 48 service leaks repaired
- 68 services cleaned out
- 330 services on request have been turned on or off
- 16 service boxes dug and repaired
- 2 services extended

### METERS:

- 32 obsolete meters have been replaced with new ones
- 330 meters have been cleaned, repaired and tested
- 83 meter leaks have been repaired in the field
- 4 meters relocated
- 78 meters repaired

### MAINS:

- Cast Iron newly installed or extended in the following streets.  
16" in Columbia Street; 8" in Eureka Avenue; 10" in Forest Avenue; 6" in Laurel Road; 6" in Oakledge Avenue; 6" in Shepard Avenue; 6" in Whitman Road for a total of 1590 feet.
- 2 breaks in our large mains were repaired
- 18 main line gate boxes were dug up and repaired

### HYDRANTS:

- 8 hydrants damaged by motor vehicles were repaired
  - 1 hydrant demolished by a motor vehicle was replaced
  - 1 hydrant was installed in Oakledge Avenue
- Our hydrant flushing program was carried on in the evening hours in order to cause as little inconvenience to the public as possible. The Fall inspection and winterizing has been completed and all Town Departments having occasion to use hydrants were requested to notify us of the use of any hydrant during the Winter months.

All excavations made by this department have been brought to grade and tar patched or cemented.

The first step in connecting the 6" and 12" mains in Burrill Street via Columbia Street with a 16" main to the existing 36" Metropolitan main in Eastern Avenue, Lynn, was taken this year.

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Three hundred and fifty feet of 16" pipe was laid in Columbia Street from the 36" M. D.C. main in Eastern Avenue to the Lynn-Swampscott line. The necessary branches, valves, by passes and etc. were installed in anticipation of installing the proper size meter. This short run of 16" pipe was temporarily connected with the present 6" main in Columbia Street as an emergency hook-up to be used in the event that another break down, similar to that of September 1952, when the town was without a supply of water for several hours, should occur in our one and only supply from the M. D. C. at New Ocean Street. However, in spite of this small 6" emergency hook-up the town will be in a very bad situation in regard to water supply should a major break occur in our one and only supply source from the Metropolitan District Commission and we feel it is imperative that the Columbia Street 16" main project should be completed and tied-in with the Burrill Street mains this coming year.

This Department has enjoyed from and extended to, a cooperative and friendly spirit with all other Departments throughout the past year.

The details of water pipe construction follows and the cost of same can be found under the Town Accountant's Report.

Size	Wrought Iron	Cast Iron	Cement Lined	Brass	Total
1 1/4"			303'		303'
1 1/2"			80'	438'	518'
2"	4,067'		1,468'	2,736'	8,271'
4"		4,494'			4,494'
6"		148,562'			148,562'
8"		11,851'			11,851'
10"		22,618'			22,618'
12"		14,604'			14,604'
14"		4,812'			4,812'
16"		502'			502'
	4,067'	207,443'	1,851'	3,174'	216,535'
Total miles of mains — 41.01					

## HYDRANTS:

In use December 31, 1952 .....	344
Added in 1953 .....	1
In use December 31, 1953 .....	345

## GATES:

In use December 31, 1952 .....	696
Added in 1953 .....	11
In use December 31, 1953 .....	707

## SERVICES:

In use December 31, 1952 .....	3,401
Added in 1953 .....	70
In use December 31, 1953 .....	3,471

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## INVENTORY OF PROPERTY — WATER DEPARTMENT

Water mains and standpipe (Distribution System) .....	\$228,238.30
Land on Pine Street .....	5,000.00
Brick Building on Pine Street .....	2,000.00
2-Car Garage on Pine Street .....	3,000.00
Work Shop and Garage on Pine Street .....	4,500.00
3 Trucks .....	2,330.00
Office Furniture and Equipment .....	2,600.00
Meters and Parts (in service in system) .....	52,584.00
Stock on Hand (pipe, fittings and etc.) .....	12,000.00
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	\$312,252.30

## Sewer Department

HAROLD C. HUDSON, *Chairman*

GEORGE B. ATKINS

ALFRED N. FRAZIER

ALBERT ENHOLM, *Superintendent*

Sewer extensions on Puritan Lane and Puritan Road, started in 1952, were completed in 1953, and the New Stanley School and the Hawthorne Restaurant were connected with the Sewer. An emergency sewer manhole was installed in Kings Beach Terrace.

Storm basins were installed in Alden Road, Priscilla Road, at the junction of Elmwood and Thomas Roads, and at the corner of Burrill Street and Middlesex Avenue to alleviate storm water conditions. The drain in Eureka Avenue was extended with 60 ft. of 10" pipe, and a new drain was installed from Bay View Drive to Cedar Hill Terrace.

New Particular Sewers laid and inspected .....	47
Particular Sewers rodded and root cutter used (some repairs made) .....	178
Main Sewers rodded, cleared of roots and grease .....	101
Sand and debris catcher pans replaced in manholes .....	24
Noisy manhole covers sealed in .....	40
Sewage Pumpings for 1953 .....	appr. 554,000,000 gallons

Brooks were cleaned of all debris after rainfalls, and roots were removed from storm basin lines periodically.

We wish to extend our thanks to all Town Departments and personnel for their kind and helpful cooperation during the year, that of the Highway and Park Departments resulting in very substantial savings.



## Department of Civil Defense

ROBERT O'NEILL, *Director*

There are probably a number of residents in Swampscott who feel there is no need for Civil Defense, that the money that has been spent to organize and equip the many divisions of Civil Defense was unnecessary, that the threat of atomic attack on this country, our community, is pretty far-fetched, that regardless of the long range airplane, the development of atomic, biological and chemical weapons, which means that no part of America is free from the danger of attack, Civil Defense is not necessary.

I can only say to those apathetic citizens that Civil Defense is here to stay. There must be a basic CD organization in each community in the United States regardless of size or location and community Civil Defense can be effective only if the families of the community are solidly behind it and willing to give time and effort to make it work.

There is another value in Civil Defense which is becoming more apparent by the day — its peacetime use in natural disasters. Tornadoes struck terror in four major cities in 1953. The tornadoes have proved that the value of adequate Civil Defense organization is not limited to the problematical dropping of the atomic or hydrogen bomb. It is important right now in the handling of misery dealt out by nature itself.

We in Swampscott as in many other towns and cities were asked to send help and equipment to the city of Worcester and the surrounding towns struck by the tornado June 9 of last year. I want to take this opportunity to thank Fred Burk, Deputy Director of our CD Rescue Division and the men he sent to Westboro for the work they did in aiding this stricken town, Chief Lampard and members of his department, Auxiliary Chief Lawrence Sager and members of our Auxiliary Fire Division who made many trips to the disaster areas of Worcester, Chief Frank Wall, Auxiliary Chief Charles Scanlon and members of our Auxiliary Police Division who volunteered for police duty in Worcester. We are very fortunate to have in the Town of Swampscott under Civil Defense two groups of men that are trained, fully equipped and ready to supplement or aid our regular departments should the occasion arise.

We have during the past year completed our warning system with the installing of five air raid sirens and as required by the State will continue to make weekly tests at noon Saturdays.

The staffing of personnel for the many divisions of our CD organization has been completed and at the present time there are close to five hundred men and women enrolled in our set-up. However, we need many more, particularly in our Air Raid Warden Service and urge anyone interested to contact the Deputy Directors of this Division.

### ORGANIZATION PLAN

#### EXECUTIVE STAFF

Supervising Authority .....	Board of Selectmen
Director of Civil Defense .....	Robert O'Neill
Associate Directors .....	Howard L. Hamill, Ralph I. Lindsey, Harold P. Willett





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## ADVISORY COUNCIL

Chairman .....	Roland W. Estey
Frederick R. Champion	Edward K. Hempel
Roland C. Booma	Mrs. Edward K. Hempel
Theodore C. Cooke	Clement Kennedy
Patrick J. Cryan	Philip L. Knowlton
Alfred N. Frazier	Mrs. Madeline D. Koch
Charles B. Fontaine	Ralph I. Lindsey
Mrs. Charles B. Fontaine	Malcolm F. MacLean, Jr.
Samuel Freedman	Ernest Manchin
Otto W. Friedman	Harold P. Willett
Dr. Loring Grimes	Vincent P. O'Brien
Howard L. Hamill	Ralph L. Williams
Harold C. Hudson	Robert O'Neill

## DIVISION 1 — FIRE SERVICE

Deputy Director .....	Chief Charles H. Lampard
Regular Fire Department .....	Chief Charles H. Lampard
Auxiliary Fire Department .....	Auxiliary Chief Lawrence Sager

## DIVISION 2 — POLICE SERVICE

Deputy Director .....	Chief Francis P. Wall
Regular Police Department .....	Chief Francis P. Wall
Auxiliary Police Department .....	Auxiliary Chief Charles Scanlon



Demonstration of Rescue Work by Aux. Fire Department during Fire Prevention Week.

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## **DIVISION 3 — PUBLIC WARNING AND PROTECTION**

Deputy Directors	Donald C. Goss, Ralph Pierce, Otto Friedman, Bruce Hamlin
Warning System	Ralph Pierce
Air Raid Warden Service	Donald C. Goss
Incident Control	Otto Friedman
Fire Guards	Bruce Hamlin

## **DIVISION 4 — MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICE**

Deputy Directors	Dr. Loring Grimes, H. Allen Durkee, John E. LaPlante
Medical Aid	Dr. Loring Grimes
Health Services	H. Allen Durkee
First Aid	George E. Hutchinson
Nursing Service	Mrs. Robert Mansfield
Emergency Hospital Facilities	Dr. H. M. Lowd
Medical and Health Supplies	E. Wallace Donald
Morgue and Burial Service	John E. LaPlante

## **DIVISION 5 — RESCUE, EVACUATION AND TRANSPORTATION**

Deputy Director	Frederick C. Burk
Rescue and Demolition	A. A. Backman, Felice D'Agnesse
Highway Maintenance and Repair	Timothy J. Ryan
Public Shelters	Raymond O. Doane
Evacuation and Transportation	Charles Green & Son

## **DIVISION 6 — UTILITIES**

Deputy Director	Chester Bradley
Water and Sewerage Maintenance	Chester Bradley
Gas and Electricity	Harold Ayer (Lynn Gas Co.)
Telephone	Brian Sullivan (NE Tel. & Tel.)

## **DIVISION 7 — CIVILIAN WAR AID**

Deputy Directors	Walter Ranger, Barrie White, Norbert Ulman
Registration and Information	Elizabeth McKenna
Evacuee Housing	Raymond O. Doane
Mass Shelter	Mr. and Mrs. Edward K. Hempel
Mass Feeding	Lewis Athanas
Clothing	Barrie M. White
Financial Aid	Walter Ranger
Rehabilitation	Donald Redfern
Care of Aged and Sick	Mrs. Grace Whiteacre

## **DIVISION 8 — ADMINISTRATION**

Deputy Director	Malcolm F. MacLean, Jr.
Personnel Pool	Newton S. Courtney
Records	Lois Munsey
Supply Bureau	John G. McLearn

## **SPECIAL SERVICE STAFF**

Mutual Aid	Alfred N. Frazier
Training	Keith L. Jordan
Communications and Control Center	Ralph Pierce, Wilbur Fuller
Special Weapons Defense	Theodore C. Sargent

## **SPECIAL COORDINATING STAFF**

Legal Advisor	James W. Santry, Jr., Town Counsel
Fiscal Advisors	Harold P. Willett, Chairman Finance Committee Robert G. Byrne, Town Treasurer
Public Relations	Richard Coughlin
Chief Clerk	A. Doris Whipple

## **AMERICAN RED CROSS LIASON**

First Aid	George E. Hutchinson
Emergency Housing	Andrew R. Linscott
Disaster Committee	Fred Seaton
Nurses Aides	Mrs. Robert Mansfield

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## Highway Department

TIMOTHY J. RYAN, *Surveyor*

Year	Employees	Budget	Expenditures
1949	26	118,209.40	110,803.33
1950	26	108,490.68	102,563.64
1951	26	111,584.91	109,415.81
1952	26	131,579.79	118,715.64
1953	26	129,491.26	122,255.29

Statistics issued in the annual departmental reports indicate that in the past two years new building has increased our valuation by approximately three million dollars. This current growth affects the demand on all departments for added services and this is particularly true in its demand on the Highway Department.

As a result of the new homes being built there are many more requests for the construction of residential streets and sidewalks. The Highway Department has to maintain 47 miles of accepted streets and with its present force they have been able to keep up with this increase in service.

New sidewalks were constructed during the year on ten streets designated by the Board of Selectmen. Swampscott is doing this work under the Continuous Sidewalk Act which means that the abutters pay for half of the material used in the construction of the sidewalks.

Ten new streets accepted by the Town have been built to grade and surfaced. There is one other street under construction which will be completed in the spring. In addition to these, Orchard Circle, Orchard Road, Nason Road, Neighborhood Road, Cedar Road and Lewis Road were seal coated with an asphalt oil.

Other projects which are in the province of other town departments were completed under the Highway Surveyor's supervision as a means of economizing in the expenditure of the taxpayers' monies as follows:

Construction of a storm drain at the junction of Thomas and Elmwood Road.

Repair of storm drain in Phillips Beach section.

Repair of fence at Fisherman's Beach.

Cleaned Fisherman's Beach, New Ocean House Beach and Preston Beach, each working day during summer months.

All catch basins that take care of surface water were cleaned twice during the spring and fall of the year.

Many other details too numerous to mention were taken care of during the year. A record of these are kept at the office of the Highway Department.

During the year three employees who worked in the department and gave faithful service to the town were retired on pension, namely: Albert Devitt, John Clarke and Woodbury L. Rodrick.

Mr. Rodrick who left the department on September 11, 1953 did not have many days of retirement, as the great Creator took him from us on October 20, 1953.



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Also during the year James Dolan who served the town for twenty-five years passed away on January 22, 1953.

Once again it is recommended that consideration be given to the reconstruction of Puritan Road. As this is a Chapter 90 Highway this project would have to be taken care of by the Board of Selectmen, the State and the County.

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## **Town Counsel**

JAMES W. SANTRY, JR.

During the year the cases resulting from the land takings for the addition to the Stanley School and for the extension of the cemetery were settled satisfactorily to all parties concerned.

The necessary easements were taken for the extension of water mains in the Foster Dam area.

Several small claims against the Town were settled for the total sum of \$251.77.

One case was tried before the Appellate Tax Board which was an appeal from the valuation placed upon a parcel of land in Swampscott by the Assessors. The decision of the Appellate Tax Board was in favor of the Town Assessors' valuation.

The land for the widening of Humphrey Street between the railroad tracks and Salem Street was taken by the County Commissioners by eminent domain and conferences have been held concerning this matter and the cost of the land takings with the various parties in interest.

The sum of \$3559.77 was collected from various estates of deceased persons to reimburse the Town for Old Age Assistance rendered to owners of real estate. The sum of \$649.80 was collected and forwarded to the Collector for taxes abated by the Assessors and re-assessed after the death of the taxpayer under the provisions of Chapter 227 of the Acts of 1941.

During the year, I have attended the various meetings of the Selectmen and other boards and officers and have advised them and prepared contracts for the various departments on all major purchases. The contract for the addition to the Stanley School was examined and approved as well as the contract for the grading of the play area in connection with that project.

At the present time the following matters are pending:

Nine cases before the Appellate Tax Board.

One case in the Essex Superior Court arising out of alleged blasting damage on Pine Hill Road.

One case arising out of the widening of Humphrey Street under Chapter 90 which will be cleared up early in 1954.

There is also pending one claim not yet in suit for personal injuries arising out of a sidewalk defect.

## Board of Health

LORING GRIMES, M.D., *Chairman*

H. ALLEN DURKEE

E. WALLACE DONALD

JOHN E. LAPLANTE, *Health Officer*

'Public Health is Purchasable' a familiar quotation in the Public Health field brings to the attention of the taxpayer the favorable result of money expended through Public Health Agencies.

One index for a country's health status is its citizen's average life expectancy. Here in the United States health education and medical advances have contributed greatly to our increased life expectancy over the past few decades. To illustrate this fact, the life expectancy in 1909 was 52 years, while in 1952 this figure had increased to 67 years.

Here in Swampscott our average age of death was 67.4 years for 1953, and our crude death rate was 10.5 per 1,000 population, a rate which is approximately the same as last year. Our deaths total 122, a decrease of 2 from 1952. Of these deaths, 79 were caused from diseases of the heart and circulatory system, 25 were caused from malignant growths, accidents claimed 3 lives and 2 more were caused from pneumonia.

During this year the Board of Health received 174 birth reports through October ninth; 10 of which were premature. The total number of births for the year is unavailable due to delayed reports from other communities. Of the premature births, all survived except one. New techniques in the care of premature infants has greatly increased their chance of survival.

The following list is a comparison of communicable diseases reported during the past three years:

Diseases	1953	1952	1951
Chicken Pox .....	169	252	47
German Measles .....	14	22	6
Measles .....	4	310	237
Meningitis .....	1	0	0
Mumps .....	41	122	14
Poliomyelitis .....	0	7	1
Scarlet Fever .....	12	10	5
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary) .....	2	3	2
Tuberculosis (Other Forms) .....	1	0	0
Whooping Cough .....	8	10	21
Infectious Hepatitis .....	1	0	0

Most all of the common childhood diseases have shown a decrease this year. Of special interest is the number of measles cases. This low incidence, compared to the previous years, indicates that most of the susceptible persons contracted measles by the end of 1952 leaving a very small number of susceptible persons in 1953. This low incidence may be anticipated for a year or so until the number of susceptible individuals again increases sufficiently to permit another epidemic. One case of meningitis and one case of infectious hepatitis were reported this year. We are pleased to note that no cases of poliomyelitis occurred in our community.

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The noticeable decline over the past fifty years in such communicable diseases as Tuberculosis, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Smallpox, and Typhoid Fever can be attributed in a large measure to the success of Public Health Agencies in the control of such diseases in the community. An example of how some of the diseases have been brought under control is illustrated by our immunization program.

In 1943, 142 children in the schools in Swampscott were immunized against Diphtheria, which included giving a Schick Test and then if child had a positive reaction 3 doses of Toxoid were given. At this time many children received no protection against the diseases because their parents were ignorant of the immunity benefits and refused to have them immunized. However, as the facts demonstrated the merits of immunization more parents permitted their children to be immunized and in 1953 there were only 27 children entering Swampscott schools who had not been immunized during infancy or the pre-school stage. It is also interesting to note that parents are now seeking advice in relation to the time the infants should start immunization.

In our Dental Health Program we have noted an increasing interest on the part of both parent and child to start regular dental care early. Dental examinations twice a year in the Swampscott Schools bring to the attention of the parents dental defects which need correcting, and follow-up visits into the home help to obtain results.

The annual rabies inoculation clinic was held in September and 190 dogs were inoculated out of the 621 licensed dogs.

The new Plumbing By-Laws were adopted at the Annual Town Meeting and the residents of Swampscott are now protected with a modern plumbing code which is being efficiently and diligently administered. Since our present inspector of plumbing, who first proposed this revision of the Plumbing By-Laws, has been on the job the yearly number of permits issued has increased 234 percent to date.

The Board of Health has also adopted a new set of regulations to bring their restaurant sanitation code up to date.

In conclusion, we wish to state that the Public Health Program is necessarily of a dynamic nature, always changing as needs change, with emphasis on all health problems which affect every person living in our community.

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## Board of Appeals

C. GLOVER BOWES, *Chairman*

EUSTIS B. GRIMES

T. PAUL CORCORAN

JOHN S. MCKENNEY, A. BRUCE DURKEE, *Associate Members*

During the past year there were thirty-two cases heard before the Board of Appeals.

One case was heard before the Emergency Housing Commission in Boston.

## Police Department

FRANCIS P. WALL, *Chief*

During the year Samuel Hooper who retired from this department on April 1, 1940 died on September 12th. He served the town as a regular patrolman from 1921 to 1940. He was a capable and efficient member of the department. Officer Hooper was a Veteran of World War I.

Officer Frank T. Roach, regular member of the department, was retired on pension on October 1, 1953. Officer Roach served in the department for thirty-three years.

On May 15, 1953 Francis M. Cahoon was appointed a permanent Patrolman from the Reserve list and resigned from the department on November 1, 1953.

On September 24, 1953 John R. Daley was appointed a permanent Patrolman from the Reserve list.

On December 29, 1953 Charles H. Bickford was appointed a permanent Patrolman from the Reserve list to fill a vacancy caused by the retirement of Officer Frank T. Roach.

On June 4, 1953 Anthony D'Agnese was appointed a Reserve Officer to fill a vacancy resulting from the appointment of Francis M. Cahoon to the regular force.

On October 22, 1953 Joseph A. McHugh was appointed a Reserve Officer to fill a vacancy resulting from the appointment of John R. Daley to the regular force.

During the year Officers John R. Daley and William J. Carlin attended and graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Training School. This training proved to be very beneficial to the officers and the department.

During the year the Auxiliary Police Force has been active and is receiving general training under the direction of Captain John P. Costin, assisted by Officer Harold J. Keating. This force is ready and available for immediate service at any time.

An honor was bestowed upon the town during the year by the presentation of two citations. One presented by the National Safety Council, the other by the American Automobile Association. These awards were in recognition of the accomplishment in completing the year of 1952 without a fatal motor vehicle traffic accident within the municipal limits of the town.

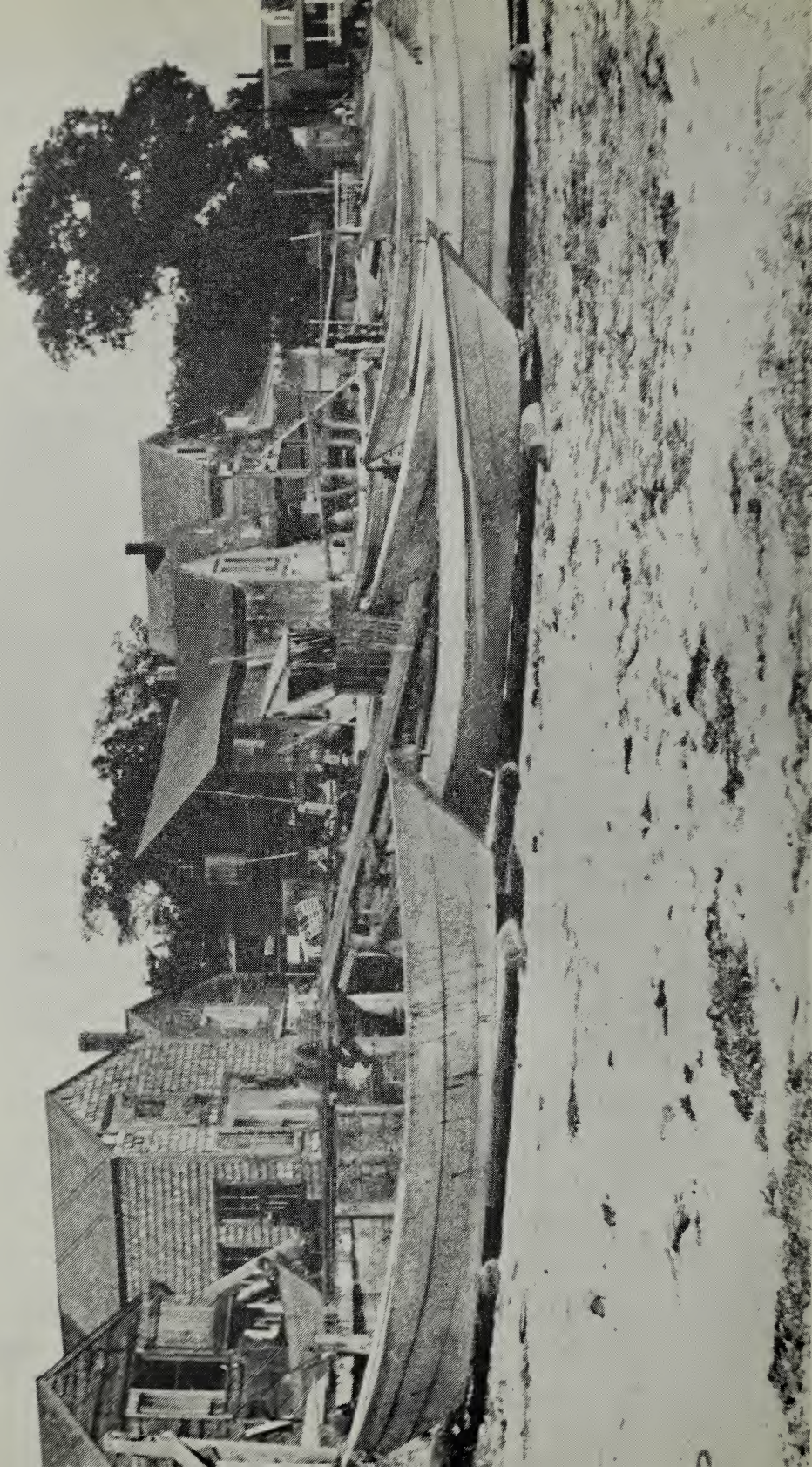
The equipment of this department is regularly inspected and tested and no effort is spared to have it ready for instant use at all times.

I recommend that the Town purchase two new motor vehicles to be used as patrol cars to replace a 1951 and a 1952 DeSoto Sedan which are now in use. I also recommend the purchase of a new motorcycle to replace a 1949 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle.

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, to the members of my department, to the officers and members of the Auxiliary Police, to all Town departments, and to all others who have co-operated with me during the year.



OLD FISHERMAN'S BEACH





## Board of Park Commissioners

ROLAND C. BOOMA, *Chairman*

FREDERICK C. BURK

LEWIS H. BERRY, *Secretary*

This year closed with the majority of man hours expended on the maintenance of existing facilities, such as the care and upkeep of lawns, shrubs and shade trees. Work projects completed were; the repointing of the old wall on the Burrill Street side of the administration building grounds (we believe the first time in over 100 years), the top dressing and reseeding the stadium, and the extension of the play field at the rear of Phillips Park. In addition a great deal of silvicultural work was done in the wooded area of Jackson Park.

The summer recreation project continued its popularity to the extent that three neighboring towns have made inquiries to set up similar projects in their communities. The Upper Swampscott Improvement Association again extended its fine support and generosity by awarding prizes at the end of the season.

Shade tree work was hampered by the necessary work in removing dead and diseased elm trees.

The helicopter method of spraying was again used. Thirty-four elm trees were removed due to the Dutch Elm Disease.

The Japanese beetle is still with us. Chlordane and a 50% powered D. D. T. were used in control methods.

The exhaustion of the supply of shade trees from our own nursery and the country-wide shortage of trees, has retarded the planting of the newly developed sections.

Fisherman's Beach continues over-populated during the warm spells with a minimum of problems.

We wish to record the death of a very loyal employee, Mr. Albert R. Martin, who gave many years in the service of the Town as a tree expert.

At this time we acknowledge the co-operation of all Town departments, the new athletic director (Mr. Stanley Bondelevitch), the civic groups, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the garden clubs, and the many interested citizens.

## Sealer of Weights and Measures

C. WALTER BURRILL, *Sealer*

### Scales and Measures

Adjusted	Sealed	Not Sealed	Condemned
38	342	12	5

### Trial Weighings

Tested	Correct	Under	Over
1235	1173	18	44

There were 1289 Inspections and 54 Tests made.

This department extends its gratitude for the cooperation given by those who helped in my duties as Sealer.

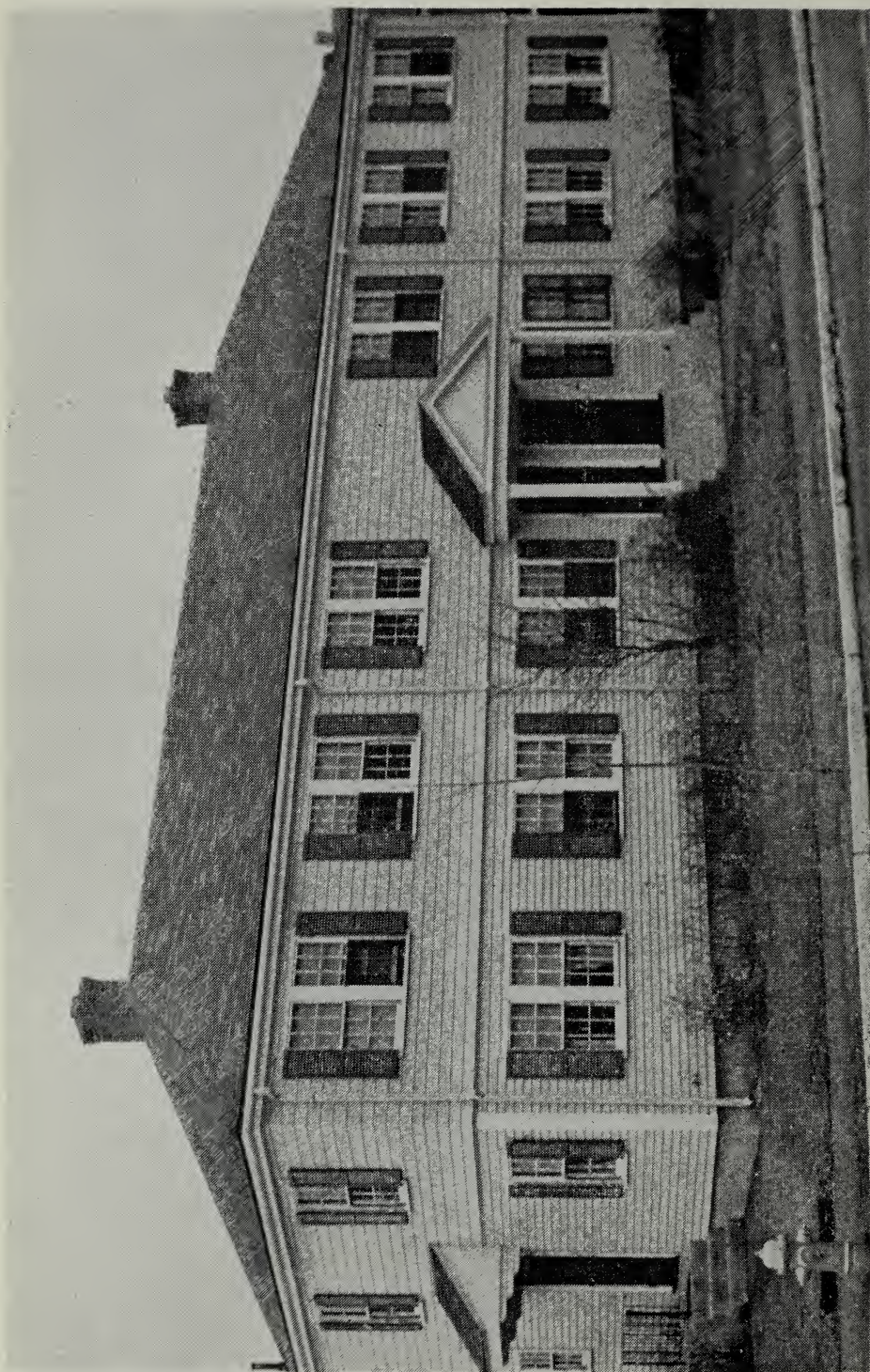


Photo Newton P. Courtney

HOUSING UNIT OF THE VETERANS' PROJECT



## Housing Authority

JOHN A. MASSEY, *Chairman*

THOMAS W. DUNCAN

DAVID F. DOHERTY

GERALD H. PASHBY

ROBERT L. YASI

Due to the rise in cost of living expenses and subsequent wage increases it became necessary for the Authority to make the following changes in our management program:

### Admission Limits:

- a. families with one minor dependent increased from ..... \$3250.00 to \$3650.00
- b. families with two minor dependents increased from ..... 3375.00 to 3775.00
- c. families with three minor dependents increased from ..... 3500.00 to 3900.00

### Continued Occupancy Limits:

- a. families with one minor dependent increased from .....\$3750.00 to \$3900.00
- b. families with two minor dependents increased from ..... 3875.00 to 4025.00
- c. families with three minor dependents increased from ..... 4000.00 to 4150.00

### Rents and Income Limits in relation to the tenant's net family income:

- a. 18% for families with one minor dependent
- b. 16% for families with two minor dependents
- c. 14% for families with three minor dependents

(The Authority with the view of establishing equitable rents in relation to family compositions established a \$100.00 deductible from total family income for each minor dependent child in excess of three in number.)

The Authority feels that the foregoing schedule now provides for all family sizes and eases the financial burden on the tenants.

In no case can the monthly rental of the project fall below the average month of \$34.50 in order that the project may function on a sound financial basis. The average monthly rental for project amounted to \$40.00 for the year 1953.

During the year the Authority could visualize the change in the economic structure and decided whereas rents were high which reflected in our increased income that it would be advisable to make the following necessary improvements without increasing our subsidation.

One of the aggravating problems confronting the Authority was the fact that there were twenty-six parking spaces for thirty-six tenants. The matter was thoroughly studied and discussed and upon proper approval the Authority enlarged the parking areas to accommodate thirty-six vehicles or one per tenant. This contract was awarded to the lowest bidder for the price of \$1095.00.

The Authority was very fortunate to have the exterior of nine multiple buildings painted by a reliable contractor for the low bid of \$2340.00.

During the year the Legislature enacted legislation to provide housing for elderly persons, over sixty-five, in the low income group. The matter was studied in detail and upon the recommendation of good authority it was voted to make preliminary application for ten units which the Authority is eligible for under the existing formula. The final decision will be made by the State Housing Board.

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Since the initial occupancy date, July 1950, up to the present date we have had over a 50% turnover in tenants which in our opinion the project is fulfilling its obligations by providing low income veterans and their families with a chance to get on their feet and at the same time enjoy good housing at a minimum cost.

Our subsidy from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year 1953 amounted to \$6,195.73 which is considerably less than the \$10,150.00 that could be obtained for debt requirements.

A program of preventive maintenance is continually followed by the Authority. The project is inspected as often as advisable so to ensure that defective conditions be rectified before they become major repair problems. The usual problems incident to public housing were incurred during the year, mainly with repairs to domestic equipment, minor repairs inside and outside of buildings, painting, replacements, and grounds.

It is worthwhile to mention that we have applications for re-occupancy, indicating that some families who were forced to move for various reasons were only too glad for the opportunity to re-enter the better housing facilities they once were privileged to enjoy.

The Housing Authorities throughout the Commonwealth and the State Housing Board felt that whereas the communities are constantly facing rising tax rates that the Veterans' Housing Program should assume a greater portion of the tax load by adopting a new formula for computing the payment in lieu of taxes. The old formula of taking five percent of the shelter rent was replaced by a fixed rate of \$3.00 per unit month. This figure represents over \$350.00 more than the Authority would have paid under the old computation. A total of \$1,296.00 was paid to the Town of Swampscott representing payment in lieu of taxes for 1953.

The Authority regretted the resignation of Philip Dunphy, State appointed member, who was forced to resign to accept a position out of State.

The Authority greatly acknowledges the cooperation rendered by the various Town Departments and the State Housing Board.

The Authority will continually strive to provide the veterans of the Town with the best housing available at the cheapest rent and at a minimum cost to the taxpayers of the Commonwealth.

## TRIAL BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1953

### ASSETS

Administration Fund .....	\$ 10,553.65
Petty Cash .....	20.00
Tenants Accounts Receivable .....	26.00
Debt Service Fund .....	10,430.00
Investment Debt Service Trust Fund .....	5,000.00
Investment Administration Fund .....	6,964.36
Debt Service Trust Fund .....	925.16
Development Costs .....	406,000.00

Less: Development Cost Liquidation .....	14,000.00	392,000.00
Total Assets .....		\$425,919.17

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## LIABILITIES

Accrued Insurance .....	1,888.00
Matured Interest & Principal .....	10,430.00
Bonds Authorized .....	406,000.00
Less: Bonds Retired .....	14,000.00
Debt Service Reserve .....	3,672.51
Unam. Bond Premium .....	5,925.16
Working Capital .....	22.47
Operating Reserves .....	9,517.36
Earned Surplus .....	2,463.67

Total Liabilities .....	\$425,919.17
Balance as per check-book .....	\$ 10,553.65
Plus outstanding checks .....	2,431.25
	\$ 12,984.90
Balance as per bank statement .....	\$ 12,984.90

## Fire Department

CHARLES H. LAMPARD, *Chief*

Fire Fighters—1953—32 Permanent Men

It is my pleasure herewith to submit to you my fifteenth annual report as the Chief of the Swampscott Fire Department.

In 1953 our records show a decrease in the number of fires in homes and other types of buildings, hence the town enjoyed a low fire loss. I am most grateful for the continued pleasant relationship of our mutual aid association with the City of Lynn and the Town of Marblehead.

All school buildings have been inspected by the Fire Department representatives and pronounced satisfactory. I am pleased to report that these representatives commented very favorably on the conditions they found and particularly on the excellent housekeeping. Fire drills were conducted in all the schools in observance of Fire Prevention Week. During the year periodic inspections were made in stores, churches and hotels. These inspections are very helpful in the prevention of fires.

Apparatus equipment is needed if fire protection is to be maintained at its present high level, therefore, I wish to recommend that our Engine One be replaced this year.

I urge the continued installation of fire alarm boxes to take care of the town that has been built up during the year. This is part of a planned program that has been in effect in recent years.

A new Central Fire Station at a more favorable centralized location.

The sum of \$500.00 for the painting and repairing of the Phillips Beach Station.

The articles covering the above recommendations will be inserted in the annual town warrant and demand your most careful consideration.

In closing this report I wish to thank the personnel of my department for their support and co-operation during the past year, as well as to express my appreciation of the cordial assistance which has been given me by other departments.



# Town of Swampscott

## Board of Public Welfare

NORBERT A. ULMAN, *Chairman*

DONALD REDFERN

PAUL C. CURTIS

The past year has seen a further decrease in requests for General Relief, while the Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance, and Aid to Dependent Children case loads have increased slightly.

The Old Age Assistance Lien Law, which went into effect on January 1, 1952, is now showing results and nearly \$5000 was recovered by the Town under this law during 1953.

We wish to express our appreciation of the splendid cooperation we have received from the Swampscott Community Service Inc. and the Swampscott Visiting Nurse Association who made a total of 595 visits during 1953 to recipients in all categories of assistance, and to Chief Francis P. Wall and the members of his department for their usual prompt and considerate service in moving recipients to and from hospitals, convalescent homes, and State Institutions.

### CASES AIDED IN 1953

	Cases	Persons
General Relief .....	32	58
Old Age Assistance .....	203	203
Disability Assistance .....	12	12
Aid to Dependent Children .....	13	47

The following is a summary of the financial operations of the department for 1953:

### GENERAL RELIEF

Expenditures			
Salaries and Wages .....	\$ 3,753.22		
Relief by Town .....	12,071.12	15,824.34	
Reimbursements			
State Department .....	1,851.48*		
Cities and Towns .....	1,803.13*		
Individuals .....	26.70*	3,681.31	
Net Cost to Town .....			12,143.03

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Expenditures			
For Assistance			
Town Funds .....	80,000.00		
Federal Funds .....	56,152.20	136,152.20	
For Administration			
Town Funds .....	4,997.89		
Federal Funds .....	4,990.38	9,988.27	146,140.47
Reimbursements			
For Assistance			
State Department .....	52,453.29*		
Federal Government .....	59,589.37		
Cities and Towns .....	4,931.90*		
Recoveries .....	3,136.48*	120,111.04	
For Administration			
Federal Government .....		5,944.81	126,055.85
Net Cost to Town .....			20,084.62

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## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Expenditures			
For Assistance			
Town Funds .....	8,000.00		
Federal Funds .....	4,495.17	12,495.17	
For Administration			
Federal Funds .....		1,002.64	13,497.81
Reimbursements			
For Assistance			
State Department .....	3,896.45*		
Federal Government .....	6,793.18	10,689.63	
For Administration			
Federal Government .....		691.93	11,381.56
Net Cost to Town .....			2,116.25

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Expenditures			
For Assistance			
Town Funds .....	6,865.54		
Federal Funds .....	503.60	7,369.14	
For Administration		61.98	7,431.12
Reimbursements			
For Assistance			
State Department .....	3,652.19*		
Federal Government .....	3,242.78	6,894.97	
For Administration			
State Department .....	317.95*		
Federal Government .....	635.90	953.85	7,848.82
Net Return to Town .....			417.70

\*Not available for use of this department.  
Federal Funds on Hand, Dec. 31, 1953.

	For Assistance	For Administration
Old Age Assistance .....	9,837.64	4,389.82
Aid to Dependent Children .....	3,569.91	1,125.86
Disability Assistance .....	4,017.96	805.62

## Dog Officer

JOHN A. BOSTON, *Dog Officer*

There were six hundred and twenty six (626) single licenses issued and five (5) kennel licenses of four (4) dogs each, making a total of six hundred and forty six (646) dogs licensed in the town December 31, 1953.

There were 711 complaints or requests for assistance, all of which were acted upon, and in most cases settled to the mutual satisfaction of all concerned.

Once again I wish to express my appreciation to all departments and personnel for their help and cooperation.

## Department of Veterans' Services

NEWTON S. COURTNEY, *Director*

### VETERANS' BENEFITS

Number of applications for benefits received .....	32
(Spanish War 2; W.W. I 9; W.W. II 20; Korean War 1)	
Number of applications approved and paid benefits .....	18
(Spanish War 1; W.W. I 8; W.W. II 8; Korean War 1)	
Number of applications approved for War Allowance .....	1
Number of individuals aided .....	36

### VETERANS' SERVICES

Photostats made of discharges and other papers .....	263
Individuals visiting this office for information .....	260
Individuals contacting this office by phone or mail .....	320
Arrangements made for hospitalization of veterans .....	7



Signing for her first library card.

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## Public Library

### TRUSTEES

GEORGE W. HOWE, *Chairman*

NELSON J. DARLING, JR.

RUTH M. BARRY, *Secretary*

### STAFF

(December 31, 1953)

EDITH N. SNOW, *Librarian*

ELIZABETH W. FORBES, *Acting Children's Librarian*

SUSAN D. NELLIS, *Circulation Assistant*

RUTH E. POLLARD, *Reference Assistant*

BARBARA E. MANSUR, *Office Assistant*

ANGELO LOSANO, *Janitor*

**EVENT:** The 100th anniversary of the Library's first opening was celebrated on January 15th when more than 125 friends of the Library met in the polished, flower-decked building to hear Milton E. Lord, Director of the Boston Public Library. A film "Library Story" was shown and a social hour enjoyed. The film, showing the work of a modern library, was also taken to the Rotary Club lunch and the High School Assembly. So we have played our honorable, if small, part in the parade of institutions 100 years old or more; and we share in spirit the mottoes of two just now in the news: The Boston Public Library with its "Built by the People" and "Free to All", and Columbia University's "Man's Right to Knowledge and the Free Use Thereof."

**GIFTS:** In recognition of our birthday Swampscott-Marblehead Hadassah made a gift of a shelf of books and a birthday cake, appropriately designed in the form of an open book. These were presented at a meeting in Temple Israel attended by the Board of Trustees and the Librarian.

Other noteworthy gifts were: From the artist who made it, Miss Prudence W. Potter, a woodcut of the Swampscott Fish House; published articles by two local authors, Mrs. Ralph L. Day and Lawrence Eigner; subscriptions from the Garden Club of Swampscott, and from the League of Women Voters of Swampscott; old town reports from Weston K. Lewis; a local atlas carrying Professor Elihu Thomson's autograph, from Mrs. Thomson; a magnolia tree and evergreens from Tuesday Garden Club; pine trees from Rocco Raimo.

**STAFF CHANGES:** The Children's Room was administered by Mrs. Thomas Condon and Cynthia Wyman, who conducted the room and reading club until Mrs. Walter H. Forbes, Jr., a former assistant in the Library, was appointed Acting Children's Librarian in August. The reading club party, larger than ever, was entertained by Dickie Jarne's magic show. 448 more children have cards than at the end of 1950. Circulation from that room has increased 8 per cent in the same time. The second staff change was simplified by the return of Mrs. Daniel Mansur to succeed Mrs. Normand St. Syr who resigned as office assistant.

**EXPERIMENTS:** With the cooperation of the schools a leaflet "New doors to open — New books to read" was given to each pupil entering Grade 9. An outline of library services available was specially designed for the Welcome Wagon



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hostess to distribute to newcomers. In an attempt to publicize booklists two mailings of the "Monthly Additions List" were sent to Town Meeting members. We plan to enlarge this mailing in 1954. Late in the year a trial subscription to the nationally printed "Reader's Choice" was begun to replace our homemade "Book Chat."

**BUILDING:** To the accustomed problems — long stairway to the Children's Room; danger of children climbing the outside fire escape; lack of workroom space, and at some hours, lack of seat space — has been added a new one, the necessity for new toilet facilities in the basement.

Much time and energy this past year have gone into interviews, figuring, exploring possibilities for improvements . . . none of which has led to any results which can yet be reported. The building at present is not adequately lighted, and it must be provided.



Everyone in the family finds something at the Library.

## Jury List

In accordance with Section 9 of Chapter 234 of the General Laws, the following Jury List is published in the Annual Town Report:

Name	Residence	Occupation
Ackerman, Carl A.	77 Shelton Road	S. S. Pierce
Addison, Charles G.	54 Sargent Road	Manufacturer
Allen, Russel G.	140 Beach Bluff Avenue	Godfrey-Cabot Inc.
Anderson, Herbert R.	34 Farragut Road	Sales Manager
Andrews, Herbert W.	37 Orient Court	Machinist
Armstead, Henry E.	4 Francis Road	Winder
Atwood, Frank M.	55 Orient Court	G. E.
Austin, Harold R.	150 Redington Street	Bank Clerk
Avey, Clarence W.	56 Humphrey Street	Machinist
Bailey, Robert E., Jr.	32 Greenwood Terrace	United Shoe
Baril, Roberre M.	55 Sherwood Road	Sales Eng.
Bennett, Ralph O.	4 King Street	Clerk
Black, Irving	41 Longley Avenue	Buyer
Brown, Walter D.	29 Bates Road	Salesman
Bufalino, Julius F.	31 Ocean View Road	Salesman
Burke, Louis	177 Walker Road	Sales Manager
Burke, Willard F.	17 Nason Road	Clerk
Burleigh, Elwood L.	55 Bellevue Road	Agent
Cahoon, C. Dana	18 North Stone Road	Engineer
Carey, Francis D.	63 Orchard Road	Asst. Chemist
Carver, Paul F.	24 Estabrook Road	Merchant
Cashman, Edward L.	96 Puritan Road	Production
Chisholm, Theodore S.	7 Rock Avenue	Foreman
Christiansen, Arthur L.	62 Ocean View Road	Manufacturer
Clark, Frederic P.	151 Phillips Avenue	Clark & Friend
Condon, Thomas W.	44a Atlantic Avenue	Salesman
Cotton, Fred P.	57 Sargent Road	Sales
Crowley, Edwin D.	12 Stanley Road	Eastern Mass.
Cushman, Harold B.	53 Lincoln Circle	Bakery Manager
Davis, Eldridge T.	11 Plymouth Lane	Roofer
Davis, J. Price	68 Middlesex Avenue	G. E.
Day, Frank R.	43 Suffolk Avenue	Hoague & Sprague
Deming, Charles H.	23 Devens Road	Bank
Dermody, Gorham L.	37 Rockland Street	Sales
Dexter, James F.	8 Columbia Street	Serviceman
Drislane, John P.	39 Middlesex Avenue	Office Man.
Drucas, Charles	64 Walnut Road	H. P. Hood
Durkee, Harold A.	23 Puritan Avenue	Manufacturer
Dwyer, Charles W.	172 Aspen Road	Buyer
Englander, Hyman W.	19 Dennison Avenue	Sales Man.
Estrich, David	10 Humphrey Street	Merchant
Fanjoy, Elmer S.	62 Greenwood Avenue	G. E.
Farren, Robert N.	124 Greenwood Avenue	Adver.
Fish, Abbott W., Jr.	55 Greenway	Sales
Flanagan, Edward P.	338 Essex Street	N. E. Tel. & Tel.
Flautt, John B.	193 Humphrey Street	Shoe Manufacturer
Frederickson, Sigfred	67 Salem Street	Service Man.
Frost, Karl M.	29 Manton Road	Adver.
Fuller, Gordon F.	14 Ocean View Road	Estimator

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Galvin, Eleanor N.	1015 State Road	Office Man.
Goldstein, Henry	8 Commonwealth Avenue	Hatter
Goodhue, George K., Jr.	15 Clarke Road	Banker
Goodwin, Herman A.	142 Walker Road	Tanner
Gowell, John W.	53 Mountwood Road	G. E.
Graham, Philip T.	38 Maple Avenue	Engineer
Greene, Frank S.	34 Redington Street	G. E.
Grynkrout, John F.	38 Gale Road	Vice President
Hall, Roland B.	47 Berkshire Street	Salesman
Hapgood, Franklin E.	5 Fuller Terrace	News Agent
Harpin, Raoul E.	29 Norfolk Avenue	Item
Harris, William W.	33 Aspen Road	Writer
Hird, Charles	29 Rockland Street	Treasurer
Houghton, Austin S.	62 Orient Court	Sales
Howe, Everett C.	40 Magnolia Road	Accountant
Hubon, Henry O.	104 Paradise Road	Manager
Hunt, Robert F.	281 Atlantic Avenue	Buyer
Hunkins, Richard A.	226 Salem Street	Asst. Man.
Hussey, Harold G.	20 Banks Terrace	Manager
Ingalls, Michael M.	1 Puritan Lane	Salesman
Ingram, Stephen R.	18 Roy Street	Leather
Jaffee, Harry N.	39 Bates Road	Manager
Jewell, Richard G.	314 Forest Avenue	Engineer
Johanson, Helmer C.	39 Lincoln House Avenue	Eagle Shoe
Johnson, Elizabeth	21 Outlook Road	Librarian
Johnson, Iver	26 Nichols Street	G. E.
Kerr, Herbert B.	19 Puritan Park	Furniture
Kevin, Edward J.	164 Aspen Road	Printer
Kline, L. Herbert	8 Sheridan Terrace	Manufacturer
Knowlton, Philip L.	53 Blaney Street	G. E.
Koban, Vassell A.	13 Phillips Circle	Designer
Lane, James J.	31 Stanley Road	Director
Lang, Francis N.	20 Aspen Road	Sales
Langmaid, Joseph	26 Beach Bluff Avenue	Dealer
Legro, Raymond P.	30 Suffolk Avenue	Machinist
Lewis, Carl S.	187 Burrill Street	Pur. Agent
Lilly, John M.	40 Bellevue Road	Y.M.C.A.
Linden, Robert A.	48 Beach Avenue	Finance
Lobred, James I.	28 Shaw Road	Manager
Logan, Edith M.	38 Puritan Road	Insurance
Loring, Maynard N.	35 Bay View Drive	Clerk
Loveday, Edward D.	40 Lewis Road	Jr. Exec.
MacPhee, Angus D.	17 Walnut Road	Rem. Rand
Mahan, Fred W.	31 Claremont Terrace	Editor
Manning, Richard F.	21 Palmer Road	Hardware
McCarthy, John E.	238 Humphrey Street	Painter
McDermott, Bernard F.	38 Pleasant Street	Accountant
McDonough, John H.	26 Beverly Road	Oil Company
McManus, Julia I.	101 Melvin Avenue	Home
McStay, Margaret S.	74 Fuller Avenue	Secretary
Merritt, Charles	19 Banks Terrace	Tel. Co.
Milmore, Norville L.	34 Bellevue Road	Vice Pres.
Morse, Judson P.	87 Ocean Avenue	Steel

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Nannery, James J. Nichols, Howard A.	2 Orchard Road 66 Magnolia Road	G. E. Accountant
O'Connell, John P. Olcott, Arthur L. O'Neill, Robert F. Owens, Charles F.	22 Maple Avenue 15 Rockland Street 30 Stanwood Road 58 New Ocean Street	Leather Mechanic Salesman Attendant
Perron, Andre Phillips, Hollis H. Pierce, Ralph Prichard, William W.	57 Plymouth Avenue 35 Bay View Avenue 51 Lexington Circle 38 Stanley Road	United Shoe Manager Sales Rep. United Shoe
Rankin, Sidney P. Randall, Charles H. Regan, Patrick F. Remick, Ervin D., Jr. Rogers, Norman Rowen, T. Carleton Russell, Amos E.	48 Norfolk Avenue 7 Orient Court 121 Norfolk Avenue 164 Puritan Road 6 Brown Road 90 Mountwood Road 66 Kensington Lane	Supervisor Mechanic Asst. Manager Pers. Work Buyer Engineer Manager
Sargent, Fred D. Sargent, Walter E. Sarra, Robert L. Seaton, Albert E. Shaw, Minot M. Spurr, Francis A. Stahl, Louis E. Stairs, Wilbur C. Stevens, John H. Stiles, A. Hall, Jr. Stowell, Frank S.	327 Humphrey Street 79 Greenwood Avenue 90 Puritan Road 62 Elmwood Road 44 Winshaw Road 11 Thomas Road 17 Allen Road 21 Lodge Road 100 Stetson Avenue 97 Beach Bluff Avenue 335 Forest Avenue	Lynn Gas Salesman Shoe Gardener Manager Teacher Chemist G. E. Booma-Breed Merchant Bookkeeper
Tilden, Calvin S. Townsend, Paul H. Turner, Frederick J. Turner, George A.	17 Middlesex Avenue 35 Grant Road 91 Farragut Road 97 Phillips Avenue	Machinist Sylvania Mech. Eng. Coca-Cola
Vance, George E. Varney, Harold W. Vose, Harold L., Jr.	93 Kensington Lane 8 Ocean View Road 16 Beverly Road	Foreman Salesman Paint Co.
Wales, Richard A. Warfield, Earl B. Warnock, Philip B. Way, John S. Welch, John Q. Welsh, Richard J. Whidden, Donald S. Whipple, John W. Wilkins, Harry Willett, Fred A. Wyman, Arthur M.	36 Hampden Street 17 Arbutus Road 28 Bay View Drive 121 Beach Bluff Avenue 76 King Street 10 Stone Court 90 Puritan Lane 1 Eureka Avenue 45 Orchard Circle 57 Orient Court 2 Beach Bluff Avenue	Credit Man Dealer Launderette Salesman G. E. Salesman Merchant G. E. Cleaning Teller Printer
York, Philip A. Young, George H.	26 Hillcrest Circle 11 Porter Court	Mechanic Clerk
Zaiger, Louis	25 Atlantic Avenue	Manufacturer



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## **World War II Memorial Fund**

ERNEST MANCHIN, *Chairman*

BENJAMIN GOLDBERG, *Secretary*

PHILIP H. STAFFORD

CLEMENT E. KENNEDY

DAVID F. DOHERTY

JOHN R. COOPER

ALBERT F. PASHBY

This past year, contributions received by the Trustees totalled \$175 which is the largest amount received in any one year since the establishment of the Fund. The contributions were received from:

Benjamin Goldberg .....	\$50.00
Reges Club .....	75.00
Dr. Nathan E. Silbert .....	25.00
Joseph L. Stevens Post No. 1240	
Veterans of Foreign Wars .....	25.00

For the third year a \$250 scholarship was awarded. This year the award was made to Thomas J. O'Leary who enrolled at Princeton University.

The financial report of the Fund as of December 31, 1953, follows:

Salem Five Cents Savings Bank .....	\$ 5251.19
Salem Savings Bank .....	5227.13
Provident Institution for Savings .....	102.77

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Total balance on hand December 31, 1953 .....\$10581.09

The total of the scholarships awarded to date is .....\$ 750.00

At the annual meeting of the Trustees, which was held September 28, 1953 at the New Ocean House, the standing and future position of the Fund were considered very carefully. The growth of the Fund from contributions and income was considered satisfactory progress.

Ernest Manchin was elected Chairman and Benjamin Goldberg was elected Secretary for the coming year.

The Swampscott World War II Memorial Fund welcomes gifts and bequests. It is suggested that those contemplating gifts or bequests confer with the Chairman or any Trustee of the Fund. A letter received from the U. S. Treasury Department states "Contributions made to the fund are deductible by the donors in computing their taxable net incomes, etc."

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## **Inspector of Wires**

EDWARD J. CONNELL, *Inspector*

During the period from January 1, 1953 to December 31, 1953 there were 372 permits issued and fees amounting to \$367.75 collected.

Frequent inspections are made of electrical installations in new buildings and of changes made in old work. Inspection standards are kept high and all work performed is to the standards of the National Electrical Code and to the Massachusetts State Code.

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## School Department

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE, 1953

WALTER H. FORBES, JR., <i>Chairman</i>	Term Expires 1956	28 Greenwood Terrace
BLANCHE E. DOYLE	Term Expires 1954	44 Crosman Avenue
GEORGE A. CHADWELL	Term Expires 1954	96 Stetson Avenue
WILLIAM H. ROTHWELL	Term Expires 1955	Little's Point
THEODORE C. SARGENT	Term Expires 1956	9 Clarke Road

Regular meeting, second Thursday of each month

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of the School Committee

JOHN A. WHITEHEAD

367 Forest Avenue

LYnn 8-9455

Secretary

GERTRUDE DONLON

37 Salem Street

LYnn 2-6643

The office of the Superintendent of Schools is open on school days from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

### SCHOOL CALENDAR 1953

Winter term begins .....	Monday, January 4
Winter term closes .....	Friday, February 19
Spring term begins .....	Monday, March 1
Spring term closes .....	Thursday, April 15
Summer term begins .....	Monday, April 26
Fall term begins .....	Wednesday, September 8

To the Citizens of Swampscott:

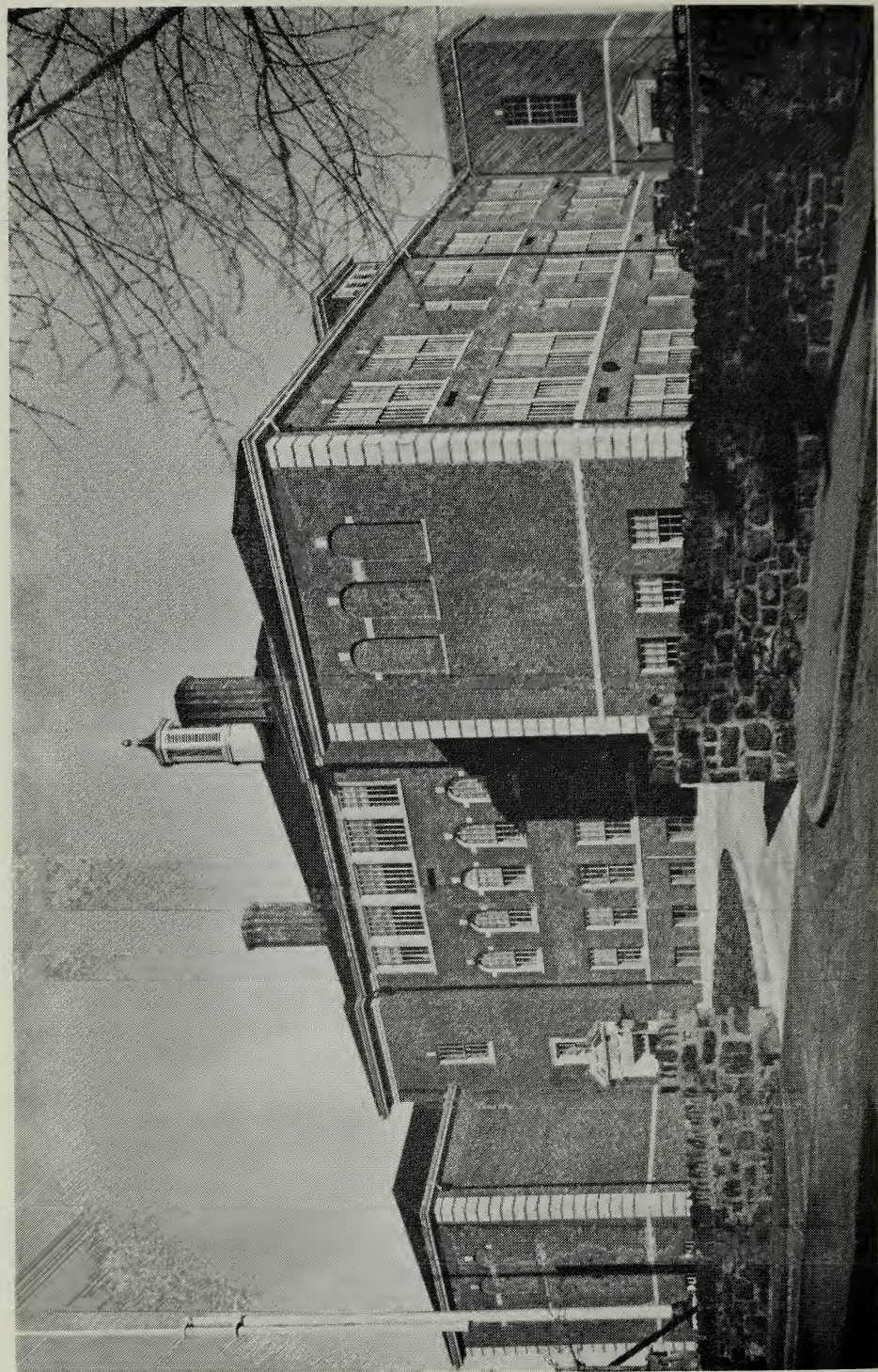
Ladies and Gentlemen:

The report of the Superintendent of Schools which follows this report deals directly with the normal operation of our schools. For this information, we recommend you read that report. The report of your School Committee as a whole is confined to matters of policy on which we have been required to act on during the year.

The School Committee has been interested for some time in finding a medium for informing the citizens of the work that goes on in our school department. One common method of doing this is through a paper issued periodically and made available to all citizens. This year the first issue of "Focus on Your Schools" was distributed. It is a four-page publication which will eventually be issued four times during the school year. From your reactions to this publication, it is hoped that we will be aided in giving you, the citizens of Swampscott, the kind of school program you want.

It is gratifying to your committee to see the increased use by adult community organizations of our school buildings. Under a new policy adopted this year, it is now possible for more of our community organizations to use our buildings free





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Photo Stuart P. Ellis



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of charge. We have always felt that school buildings belong to the community. They are constructed and maintained out of the tax dollars and the community as a whole should be able to make the maximum use of these buildings. We were happy to cooperate with the Business Men's Association in granting permission for week-end parking in the Hadley School yard this year, thus helping to relieve a serious parking problem in the Redington Street area.

Your committee is still faced with the problem of overcrowding in our schools. During the year the Clarke School Building Committee officially turned the new building over to the School Committee. This is a most welcome addition to our system and is greatly appreciated by pupils and teachers. Congratulations and thanks for a job well done are certainly in order for the members of this committee. The addition to the Stanley School is progressing, and we hope to be able to occupy this much needed building when school opens in September, thus eliminating the two-platoon system now in use in that school. At the 1953 Town Meeting, a committee was appointed to study the town's needs in capital outlay for buildings in the immediate future. Your School Committee has cooperated with this committee and the research organization employed by them. We have presented several reports along with the necessary data to explain our request that we must have a new high school ready for occupancy by September of 1956.

Your committee, being cognizant of the high type of teachers that we have been able to attract to our teaching force in the past, and realizing that a major factor in this ability was a good salary schedule, requested a committee of interested citizens to study our present salary schedule and make recommendations to your committee. This group submitted a complete new salary schedule to your committee, and while we did not adopt it in toto, we did after considerable study adopt many of the changes recommended. We feel that this new schedule clearly defines the position of each teacher in our system, and is flexible enough so that Swampscott can always maintain the excellent position it enjoys today. Our sincere thanks go to this committee for their excellent contribution in helping to formulate this new schedule.

In closing this report, we would like to extend our best wishes to two of our personnel who retired this year — Mrs. Lena Patchett, teacher of mathematics in our schools for 29 years, and Mrs. Mary Hammond, who served 22 years as school nurse.

To the Swampscott School Committee,  
Miss Doyle and Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my second annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

The year 1953 has seen progress made in adapting our instruction to the increased demands of modern education, in some expansion of necessary service to pupils, and in bringing school and community in closer cooperation for a program that will serve adults in the community as well as children.

## *Enrollment Increases*

Enrollment in the schools continues to increase due for the most part to the high birth rate that has existed ever since the war, but also to some extent because of population increase in the town. Last year's figure of 2057 for all grades has increased to 2168 this year. A similar increase is expected each year for the next few years as the post-war babies move along through our schools. The fact that



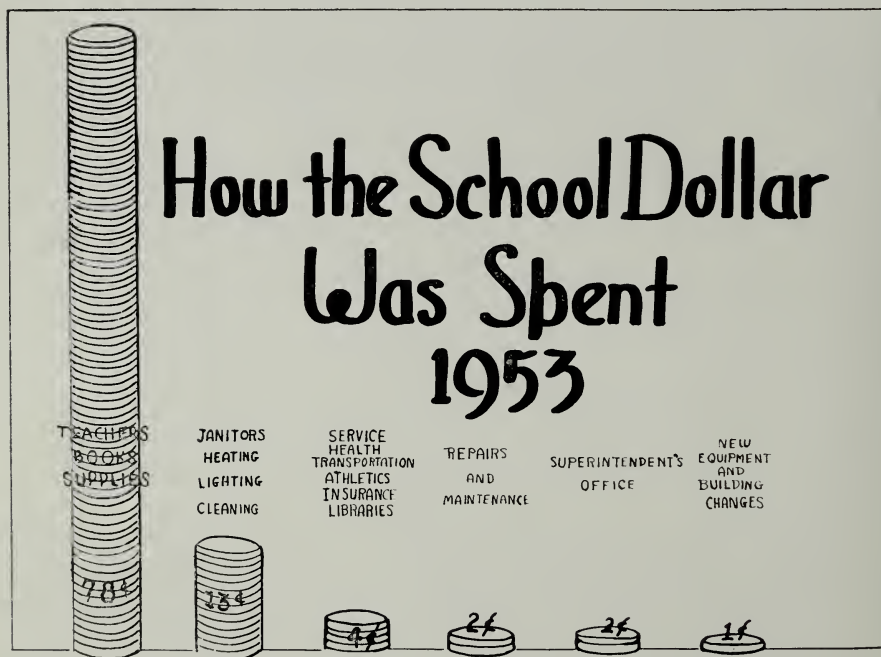
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there is no significant decrease in the birth rate up to this point indicates that the situation is not temporary.

In 1950 a professional survey was made of our school building problem. At that time a prediction of enrollment was made. Checking their predictions against enrollment three years later, we find that we have just four more pupils than they predicted which is unbelievably close to the mark — a difference of less than two children per thousand.

### *New Salary Schedule*

The Swampscott School Committee has adopted a new salary schedule for teachers written after long study. Early in the year of 1953, the School Committee contacted several organizations asking them if they would name a representative to a committee which would study the teachers' salary schedule and advise the School Committee if changes were necessary. As a result of this many meetings were held and recommendations were made by a committee consisting of Mr. Dane Chandler of the Swampscott Finance Committee, Mrs. Frank Morse and Mr. Roger Howes of the P. T. A. Council, Mrs. Stanley Myers of The League of Women Voters, Mr. Richard Johnson of the Swampscott Taxpayers' Association, Mr. Walter Henshaw and Mrs. Jane Gifford of the Teachers' Association, Mr. William Rothwell and Mr. Walter Forbes, Jr., of the School Committee and Mr. John Whitehead, Superintendent of Schools. This committee reported in June with a detailed study of the salary situation in Swampscott and in Massachusetts with recommendations for future policy in Swampscott. The new salary schedule incorporates most of the major recommendations of the Salary Study Committee, and carries a minimum rate of \$2700 annually for a teacher with a Bachelor's Degree, which was the proposed state minimum last year. Maximum salary in this classification was



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set at \$4500, while teachers with Master's Degrees can receive \$300 in addition to this.

## *No Change in Per-Pupil Costs*

Increases in school budgets are inevitable as long as enrollments continue to increase, thereby making more teachers, supplies, books and in some cases extra classrooms necessary. For instance, an increase of one hundred eleven pupils (which we had this year) is likely to require four more teachers. Stabilization of prices of materials used and labor costs has made it possible to control increases to some extent.

Swampscott is proud of its fine schools; it is believed that our people want their schools to be better than the average in instructional opportunities, cleanliness and service to the pupils. This results in a cost that is above average but not exorbitant. It amounts to approximately \$1.50 per day per pupil. One difficulty which we experience at the moment is that several of our classes are too large to be handled as one division, but when divided make classes less than 25 pupils. This is a temporary situation and as this particular stage in our growth passes, savings may be made in our per pupil costs. The necessity for doing considerable work in rooms which are below standard in lighting, badly in need of painting, and with antiquated furniture add to the annual cost but are included in the figures given above.

After a careful analysis of all the items in the school budget, the School Committee was able to plan progress in meeting these problems but still keep the per pupil cost the same for the year 1954.

## *New Report Cards*

The improvement of marking and reporting systems in the elementary schools has been studied at some length by a committee of teachers with Mrs. Dorothy Rich



ENGLISH TEACHING IN THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS is being studied by the Language Arts Committee.



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as chairman. After conferring with a representative group of parents, the committee recommended a reporting system which included a fall conference between the teacher and the parent of each child in her class. At this time the parent received a full report of the work, conduct, and problems of his child. This conference is to be followed up twice during the year by a report card listing the important subjects and citizenship traits which we are planning to teach and develop. This system, thoroughly modern in its approach, is designed to bring about a close working relationship between parents and teachers and to give parents more accurate and detailed information than is possible with the conventional report card.

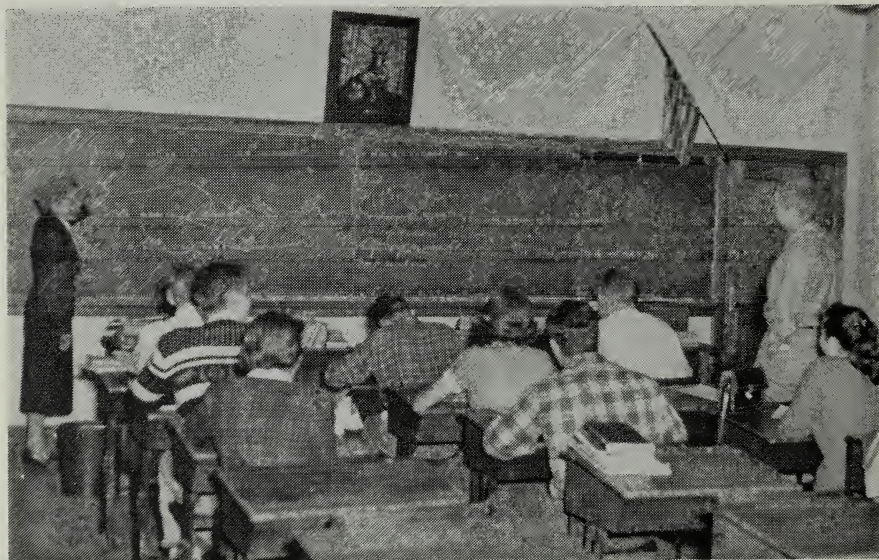
The card also contains a statement of promotional policy so that parents may know exactly upon what basis is used in deciding on promotion or non-promotion of children.

### *New English Books*

A committee of elementary teachers was formed during 1953 to study the teaching of English in the elementary schools. Its purpose was to coordinate both the material taught and the methods in the elementary schools. Under the chairmanship of Miss Esther Heikel, many meetings were held with Junior and Senior High school representation in order that work in all grades would be considered. New textbooks were selected by the committee and have been placed in nearly all grades. The study is continuing in order that a teaching guide may be written and furnished to all teachers.

### *Test Records are Excellent*

There is ample evidence that student achievement, general school conduct, teaching efficiency and morale is very high in the Swampscott schools. For example,



**GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE BOARDS**—Special classes are held after school hours to be sure pupils are well prepared. Miss Marjorie White is shown here with mathematics students.

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in the recent College Board examinations there were 19 candidates taking achievement tests totalling 57 separate examinations. Of these 57 scores, 46 were better than average. 34 of the scores or 52% of the marks were rated in the highest 20% of all scores in College Board examinations. It should be pointed out that this particular examination is taken only by the top students in the country.

There were 31 candidates in the scholastic aptitude section of the College Boards. Here 19 scores were better than average. This would indicate that while the native ability is good, the scores or achievement were unusually high. It is a fair conclusion that our teachers are getting the very best possible results from the material available.

More interesting data is found in the placement record of our schools. In a survey recently made by one of our teachers of the classes of 1950 and 1951, it was found that 88% of the boys had continued their education in higher institutions of learning — for the girls, 68%. Of the class of 1952, 79% of the class were admitted to Liberal Arts College, Technical Schools and Junior Colleges. This year three boys have been granted \$1200 scholarships at Williams, one received a Ford Foundation scholarship, one a \$1250 scholarship at Amherst, and one rated in the top ten among competitive examinations of the National Honor Society. There is also a combined loan, job and scholarship at Princeton totalling \$1150 for the first year, as well as an all-expense scholarship for one boy at the Webb Institute of Naval Architecture.

The Business Department Placement Service under the direction of Miss O'Leary has had more calls for trained personnel than it has had candidates to fill them. The record shows 100% placement in business or business schools.



TWO ELECTRIC KITCHENS add to homemaking facilities at the High School. Mrs. Charlotte Oliver's class is preparing to serve a meal.



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An examination of achievement tests taken in the elementary schools indicates that Swampscott scores are consistently high. These tests are given throughout the country and on the basis of achievement, norms are established which indicate the level of work to be expected from youngsters at different grade levels. Swampscott grades consistently average from six to eighteen months above the scores expected. It seems fair to conclude that the results indicated on all these examinations are the result of cooperative and consistent efforts from the kindergarten through the twelfth grade.

## *Homemaking More Complete*

The two electric kitchens added to our high school homemaking room last year have made it possible to do a better job in the teaching of nutrition and cooking. Along with our well planned sewing room and bed for use in the home nursing course, we are now equipped to teach a well-balanced course in these subjects. The knowledge and skill acquired in these courses are of benefit not only to those girls who plan to make their life work in this field, but to all girls who some day will be responsible for running their own homes competently and efficiently.

## *Junior High Changes*

The Junior High curriculum was examined last spring to determine whether the course of study being offered needed any revision. It is the purpose of the Junior High School to refine and improve the skills in fundamentals, broaden the experience of the child, and start the process of learning self reliance in his school work. The teaching of algebra and Latin as college preparatory subjects is a field of specialization which is now considered as part of high school work and can be taught most efficiently to those more mature students. A careful survey of the practices of our neighbors and all over the country indicated the acceptance of this practice.

As a result Latin and algebra are now taught in the ninth grade, which enables the seventh and eighth grade pupils to concentrate their attention on the four major subjects, English, history or geography, science and general mathematics. Art, music, industrial arts or homemaking and physical education, spelling and penmanship complete the offerings.

## *Interest in Band Continues*

Our instrumental music program has had another very successful year. Units have been formed in all elementary schools. The Junior High and High School bands of somewhat more than fifty pieces each contribute to assemblies in their respective schools.

The "A" band which is composed of selected students from all other units continues to be one of the finest organizations in Massachusetts high schools. Last spring the band travelled to Connecticut to participate in a joint concert with the bands of New Britain High and West Springfield, Massachusetts High. This year it has been invited to play at a state-wide meeting of the Music Educators' Association. These evidences that the quality of our band is widely known are indeed gratifying.



**SQUARE DANCING** is part of elementary school physical education. A sixth grade group at Clarke is being supervised by Miss Priscilla Smith and Mr. Harold Martin.

### *Physical Education Program Makes Gains*

Progress has been made in reaching our goal to develop a fine department of health and physical education which will help our children build strong, healthful and well coordinated bodies as well as giving them opportunities to participate in an after-school sports program in grades five to twelve.

One great problem has been in finding enough faculty members to carry on this work. Two or three new teachers working on the afternoon program have helped considerably. Mr. Harold Martin is doing splendid work with the upper elementary and Junior High boys. Mrs. Flora McLearn and Miss Priscilla Smith are continuing to do a very fine job with the girls both during the school day and on the after-school program.

We are fortunate to have the leadership of Mr. Stanley Bondelevitch as head of the department. Mr. Bondelevitch joined the faculty in September and through his work in football and his visits to other schools, our students have already shown improvement in enthusiasm and morale.

### *Health Procedures Improved*

The School Committee has continued its practice of holding conferences with representatives of the staff when policy changes seem to be indicated. One such conference last year took place with the nurse and school doctors after the issuance of new state regulations and suggestions for health examinations. As a result of this conference it was decided that physical examinations would be required upon entrance and every three years thereafter, and whenever possible this would be done by the family physician. Children entering the kindergarten must have it done as part of the entrance requirement. School physicians are also to be available for conference at the request of pupils. Examinations are to be more thorough than heretofore.

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This policy assures each child of a careful physical examination periodically in order that defects or possible ill health may be discovered and corrected in childhood.

### *Expansion in Industrial Arts*

During the year 1953, equipment and tools were purchased which made it possible to teach a unit in automotive repair as part of our industrial arts work at the high school. This work will be offered to those taking the course for eight weeks in the year. It is part of a plan to expand the present woodworking and mechanical drawing work to include forging, electricity, metal work, and some machine shop. This should offer a program of real worth to those boys who are not interested in the college course or business course and therefore plan to enter employment directly after leaving school.

### *Remedial Reading in Secondary Schools*

Among new services offered Swampscott pupils this year is a program of remedial reading at the Junior and Senior high levels for students deficient in reading ability. The selection of pupils is based upon a comparison of the individual's level of reading achievement with his evidenced capacity to read. An analysis of individual reading difficulties is made for each pupil. Work toward correction of these difficulties is done in small groups of two to eight pupils. There has been no encroachment upon the regular class schedule, inasmuch as the remedial program schedules the students during their study periods.

### *Stanley School Platoons Continue*

At the Stanley School the platoon system is still with us. Our problem has been the problem of maintaining the standards already set for ourselves. It has been the close dove-tailing of activities and schedules so as to keep them available to pupils; it has been the protecting of pupils and teachers from adding to the overloaded curricular of the platooned classes; it has been the maintenance of a smooth-flowing set of schedules to give pupils the feeling of security and serenity desirable in the learning situation.

From all this, to the credit of pupils and teachers, has been the continuing of good academic standards, the strengthening of flexibility and adaptability of staff and students to many emergency situations, the cheerful acceptance of the limited situations due to platoons and lack of space, as well as the feeling of high morale among the members of the faculty and the fact that their sense of humor has not been lost.

One of the large factors most helpful in the Stanley School set-up is the constant cooperation and initiative expressed by parents of the school. There is a highly developed sense of responsibility on the part of both parents and teachers to each other, intensified, if anything, this year by the November-December conferences.

### *Cafeteria Meets Needs*

We are completing our first full year under a change in policy at the High School cafeteria. Under the federal school lunch program, the lunch being served has been changed from Type B to Type A which has higher nutritional standards. It is possible to serve a meal that meets one-third to one-half of the daily nutritional requirements for twenty-five cents. The experiment has been most successful; an



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average of 240 students per day are eating these lunches and the project has been self-supporting.

## *Decoration Continues at Machon and Hadley*

One major maintenance project that has been continued during 1953 is the gradual redecoration of the Machon School. During the summer a thorough job was done on the roof when a five-ply twenty-year bonded roof was purchased. By removing paint from the auditorium skylight, the lighting has been improved. This work was done because it is expected that the hall must be used as a classroom for some time to come. Two more classrooms were painted and furnished with modern seating units. Adequate bulletin board space was installed in each room.

Improvement of Hadley School rooms continued during the summer when several rooms were repainted. Owing to the increase in enrollment, one room received new furnishings also.

Both boilers were rebricked during the summer and a modern oil-burning unit installed to heat water during the season when the boilers were not in operation. Considerable improvement was made in the homemaking room by the installation of another sink, removing of gas burners, installation of modern apartment type electric ranges, and new counter tops installed. Along with improvement of storage space and the purchase of two new sewing machines, the number of girls taking this course can be accommodated with reasonable efficiency and comfort.

## *Expenditures 1953*

Appropriation .....	\$605,185.00
Refunds .....	68.21
	<u>\$605,253.21</u>

### *Expenditures:*

General Control .....	\$ 13,045.82	
Instructional Service .....	471,050.19	
Operation of Plants .....	76,789.76	
Maintenance .....	14,312.80	
Capital Outlay .....	5,864.30	
Auxiliary Agencies .....	\$ 24,182.85	605,245.72
Unexpended Balance .....		<u>\$ 7.49</u>

### *Credits to the Department:*

General Receipts .....	522.00
Tuition Received — General .....	1,027.00
State Refund, Trade & Vocational Schools .....	840.00
State Refund, General School Fund .....	24,583.00
	<u>26,972.00</u>

Net Cost of Schools ..... \$578,273.72

## *High School Building Needed*

The most pressing problem to be faced in the immediate future is the provision of facilities for our students in grades seven to twelve in order that their educational programs can be comparable to programs in similar communities. Wherever possible adjustments have been made to gain classroom space; the latest move has been to move the band rehearsals and equipment to the auditorium of the High



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School, thus freeing the classrooms for use. The factors that are causing concern are as follows:

1. Total enrollment for grades 7-12 is 850, grades 1-6 is 1112, and 200 in kindergarten. The prospects are that although we will soon need to accommodate 300 more secondary pupils, we just do not have facilities for them.
2. Our elementary population is still increasing. More space is needed for the elementary school and can be achieved only at the expense of the Junior High, except in the Stanley district where the new addition will accommodate the increased population.
3. The present Junior High school lacks facilities necessary for giving adolescent boys and girls a proper program in science, physical education and library work. The lunchroom facilities are very poor.
4. Up to now, adjustments have been made without seriously affecting the quality or scope of the programs we do offer in the secondary schools. These must be curtailed somewhere within two or three years if space is not available.

### *In Conclusion*

Forming policies for conducting a school system such as ours presents many difficulties. The School Committee has given many hours of its time in study and discussion of these problems during the year. In addition its members have shown a great deal of interest in the many activities carried on by the schools. Their earnestness, alertness and enthusiasm are greatly appreciated by the members of the school staff.

I would like also to express my thanks to all the people who work in the schools. We are fortunate in having principals, teachers, clerks, janitors and cafeteria workers who are both conscientious and competent. Their sincere interest in their work and in the welfare of the Swampscott schools is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

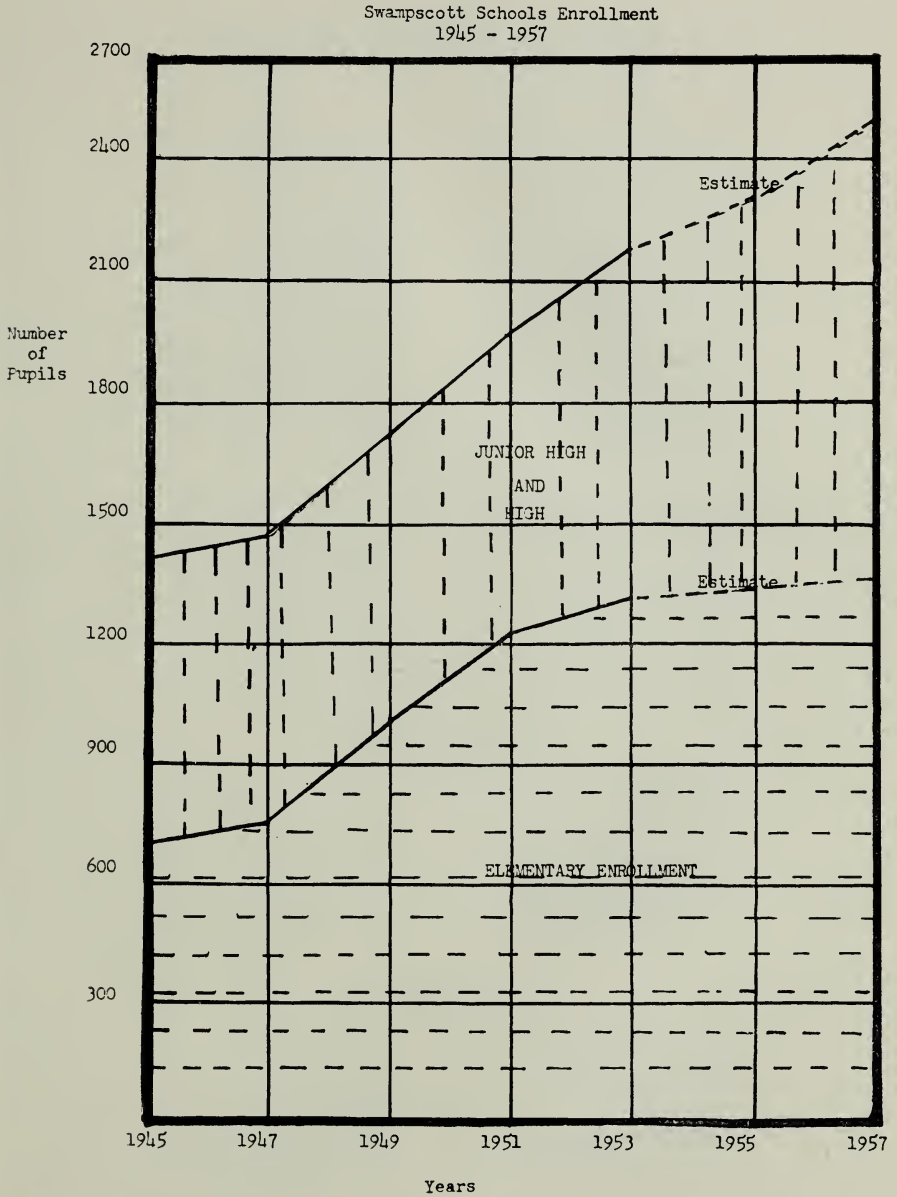
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JOHN H. WILKINSON  
Superintendent of Schools

PUPILS ENROLLED — OCTOBER 1, 1953

	Freshman	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Total			
High School	141	152	116	109	518			
		Class I		Class II	Class III			
Junior High School		170		162	332			
Grades	Kind	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Clarke	64	61	50	47	41	56	30	349
Hadley	43	43	59	54	38	36	50	323
Machon	41	52	30	26	37	30	35	251
Stanley A.M.	29	33	27	35	31	26	45	226
Stanley P.M.	29	23	32	27	30	28		169
	High School					518		
	Junior High					332		
	Elementary					1318		
						<u>2168</u>		

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## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY

### HIGH

James H. Dunn, Principal	Nance Marquette
Robert V. Anderse	Irene P. McCormack
Brooks K. Blossom	John I. McLaughlin
Marian P. Burlingame	Flora B. McLearn
Arthur G. Cronk	Jennie M. McVey
Walter G. Drogue	Edna I. Morrison
Thomas J. Eickelberger	Mildred J. O'Leary
D. Jean Farren	Charlotte Oliver
Averill D. Gellerson	L. Joseph Roy
Enos E. Held	Lois W. Roy
Walter R. Henshaw	Eileen Soper
Philip A. Jenkin	Richard D. Stevenson
Antoinette Lambert	Katherine W. Trickey
Jeanne Lepine	Emma S. White
Leon Marden	Marjorie White

### JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Keith L. Jordan, Principal	Harold S. Martin
Mary G. Boyce	Crandall P. Nodwell
Francis E. Chiary	Priscilla Schryver
Beatrice L. Cook	Bronia Sielewicz
Alice T. Durgin	Priscilla Smith
Gertrude L. Hammond	Katherine Townsend
Beatrice M. Hutchinson	Helen Warren
George E. Hutchinson	Grace E. Young

### CLARKE SCHOOL

Madeline M. Murphy, Principal	Katherine Kerans
Marjorie M. Carlson	L. Frances Mitchell
Joan Dimeno	Clare A. Murray
Carol K. Eisenberg	Ruth Nickerson
Marilyn Francis	Barbara Poole
Catherine T. Garrity	Evelina S. Roney
Berly Gorham	Doreen Waters
Dorothy Henderson	

### HADLEY SCHOOL

Keith L. Jordan, Principal	Helen H. Hudson
Emma Blossom	Ruth K. James
Sophie K. Boratgis	Cecelia Loring
Maxine Boyd	Anne McCarthy
Norma Briana	Marion F. Newcomb
Louise A. Cerica	Georgette Paquette
Florence Harrington	Mary E. Selvage



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## MACHON SCHOOL

Esther K. Heikel, Principal	Evelyn Lovejoy
Hazel V. Chase	Genevieve Hume
Helen Gangi	Phyllis Smith
Mae M. Graham	M. Elizabeth Wade
Thelma Hessel	Phyllis W. Young
Melba Collins	

## STANLEY SCHOOL

Hilda J. Gifford, Principal	Rosalie Muchnikoff
Charlotte N. Conners	Helen N. Nelson
Margaret E. Durgin	Dorothy Rich
Grace M. Farrell	Genevieve Pierre
Shirley N. Feingold	Clara Waterman
Margaret P. Johnston	Carolyn White
Elizabeth Mahoney	Barbara L. Young
Jessie C. Martin	

## ALL SCHOOLS

Mary M. Chaisson	Stanley Bondelevitch
Supervisor of Art	Director of Physical Educ.
Mary W. Cooper	Anne Linscott
Director of Guidance	Speech
Donald C. Hammond	Esther Nazarian
Instrumental Music	Supervisor of Music
Amy C. Burk, R.N.,	School Nurse

## SECRETARIES

Bessie Heggie, Hadley School  
Edith Legro, High School

## JANITORS

Elizabeth Kehoe	Henry J. Callahan
Daniel J. Myers	Frank Coletti
Carl B. Goodwin	Kenneth Cort
Ralph E. Gould	Michael Pagnotta
Mario Travascio	Thomas Bailey
Wendell Jones	Donald R. Peterson
Emery Doane	

## ASSISTANTS

Elsie Topp	Jennie Bates
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## LUNCH ROOM

Sarah Corcoran	Lillian Morse
Hilda O. Boston	Lena Picariello
Clementine Emery	

## **In Memoriam**

**JAMES J. DOLAN**  
Member of Highway Department  
1915-1942  
Died January 22, 1953

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**ALBERT S. HILLS**  
Board of Fire Engineers — 1942  
Selectman — 1943-1944  
Secretary of Finance Committee — 1945-1948  
Died December 1, 1953

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**SAMUEL HOOPER**  
Member of Police Department  
1924-1940  
Died September 12, 1953

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**CLARENCE B. HUMPHREY**  
Park Commissioner — 1908-1909  
Selectman — 1910-1917  
Assessor — 1918-1948  
Died April 25, 1953

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**ALBERT R. MARTIN**  
Member of Park Department  
1926-1947  
Died December 24, 1953

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**RALPH J. OWENS**  
Member of Fire Department  
1917-1953  
Died April 29, 1953

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**WOODBURY L. RODRICK**  
Member of Highway Department  
1922-1953  
Died October 20, 1953

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**CHARLES R. SELLMAN**  
Member of Cemetery Department  
1934-1953  
Died April 14, 1953

## General Information

Swampscott was incorporated as a Town on May 21, 1852.

Situation: About 15 miles northeast of Boston.

Population: 11,580

Area: 3.05 square miles

Assessed Valuation: \$29,793,625 as of January 1, 1953.

Tax Rate: \$48.00.

Administration Building: 22 Monument Avenue.

Senators in Congress: Leverett Saltonstall and John F. Kennedy.

State Senator: Charles V. Hogan of Lynn (1st Essex District).

Representative in Congress: William H. Bates of Salem (6th Congressional District).

Representatives in General Court: Thomas M. Newth of Swampscott; John A. Davis, Marblehead, and Ernest W. April of Salem (14th Essex District).

Member of Governor's Council: Arthur A. Thomson of N. Andover (5th District).

Qualifications of Voters: Must be 21 years of age, born in United States or fully naturalized; a resident of Massachusetts one year and Swampscott six months. Registration Monday through Friday, 9-12 A.M. - 1-5 P.M. Special sessions held preceding elections.

Where to vote:

Precinct 1 — Machon School on Burpee Road.

Precinct 2 — Clarke School on Norfolk Avenue side adjoining Abbott Park.

Precinct 3 — Old Town Hall on Burrill Street.

Precinct 4 — Hadley School on Redington Street.

Precinct 5 — Essex Oil Filling Station, 638 Humphrey Street.

Precinct 6 — Phillips Beach Fire Engine House, Phillips Avenue.

Tax Bills: Due and payable on or before October 1. Law provides for addition of interest from October 1 on bills unpaid after November 1. Poll and motor excise taxes are payable 30 days and water bills are payable 60 days from date of issue.

## For Your Convenience

### EMERGENCY NUMBERS

AMBULANCE .....	LYnn 5-1111
CIVIL DEFENSE ..	LYnn 8-9622
FIRE .....	LYnn 5-4050
POLICE .....	LYnn 5-1111

Information on:	Call:	At:
Assessments	Assessors	LYnn 5-1644
Bicycle Licenses	Police	LYnn 5-1111
Bills and Accounts	Town Accountant	LYnn 5-1648
Birth Certificates	Town Clerk	LYnn 5-1646
Building Permits	Building Inspector	LYnn 3-4538
Cemetery	Cemetery Superintendent	LYnn 3-4369
Death Certificates	Town Clerk	LYnn 5-1646
Dog Licenses	Town Clerk	LYnn 5-1646
Dogs — Lost and Found	Dog Officer	LYnn 5-8018
Draft Board	Draft Board No. 68	LYnn 8-9144
Elections	Town Clerk	LYnn 5-1646
Engineering	Town Engineer	LYnn 2-1696
Entertainment Licenses	Selectmen	LYnn 5-1645
Fire Permits	Fire Department	LYnn 5-4050
Fishing and Hunting Licenses	Town Clerk	LYnn 5-1646
Garbage Collection	Health Department	LYnn 5-1643
Library	Public Library	LYnn 3-8380
Lights, Street	Selectmen	LYnn 5-1645
Marriage Certificates	Town Clerk	LYnn 5-1646
Milk Inspection	Health Department	LYnn 5-1643
Mortgages, Personal Property	Town Clerk	LYnn 5-1646
Old Age Assistance	Old Age Assistance	LYnn 8-4401
Parks and Playgrounds	Park Department	LYnn 2-2378
Plumbing Permits	Plumbing Inspector	LYnn 5-1643
Resident Listing	Board of Registrars	LYnn 3-1873
Rubbish Collection	Health Department	LYnn 5-1643
Schools	School Department	LYnn 2-2067
Sewers	Sewer Department	LYnn 5-1647
Streets	Highway Department	LYnn 2-3520
Tax Collections	Tax Collector	LYnn 5-1646
Trees	Tree Warden	LYnn 2-2378
Veterans' Benefits	Veterans' Service Department	LYnn 3-4313
Voting, Registration	Board of Registrars	LYnn 3-1873
Water	Water Department	LYnn 5-1647
Weights and Measures	Sealer	LYnn 2-1696
Welfare	Welfare Department	LYnn 8-4400
Wiring Permits	Wire Inspector	LYnn 3-4538
Zoning	Building Inspector	LYnn 3-4538





UPPER BLANEY BEACH BEFORE THE WALL WAS BUILT



THE OLD LINCOLN HOUSE





